



Library Happenings!

Reading Challenge

Have you challenged yourself to read a book each month yet?

Pick up a book and you just might

"Discover or rediscover the joy of reading"!

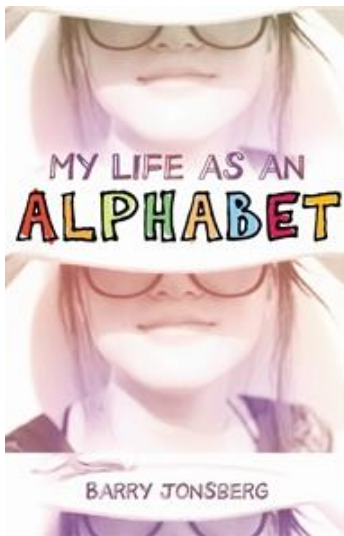


Need a Book to Read?

Come and browse the shelves and try out our Reading Chair!

Walk in someone else's shoes – Read this!

My Life as an Alphabet by Barry Jonsberg



Candice Phee wants to bring light and laughter to those around her, and somehow she succeeds despite the bizarre mix-ups and the confusion she effortlessly creates. An uplifting comedy-drama from award-winning author, Barry Jonsberg.

This isn't just about me. It's also about the other people in my life - my mother, my father, my dead sister Sky, my penpal Denille, Rich Uncle Brian, Earth-Pig Fish and Douglas Benson From Another Dimension. These are people [with the exception of Earth-Pig Fish, who is a fish] who have shaped me, made me what I am. I cannot recount my life without recounting

elements of theirs. This is a big task, but I am confident I am up to it.

Introducing Candice Phee: twelve years old, hilariously honest and a little ... odd. But she has a big heart, the very best of intentions and an unwavering determination to ensure everyone is happy. So she sets about trying to 'fix' all the problems of all the people [and pets] in her life.

Laugh-out-loud funny and wonderfully touching, *My Life as an Alphabet* is a delightful novel about an unusual girl who goes to great lengths to bring love and laughter into the lives of everyone she cares about.

Source: <https://www.allenandunwin.com/default.aspx?page=397&book=9781743310977>

REVISION STRATEGY to try this week

STEPPING STONES



Especially useful for:

If you do the steps in the same order:

- Sequences
- Chronology

If you do the steps in a different order each time:

- Creating flexible understanding of big topics, where there are lots of links between ideas.

What to do:

- Write each part of what you want to remember on a big piece of paper and put them on the floor.
- Only write key words and draw diagrams too. Bright colours will help.
- Jump /hop/walk between them shouting out what is on them.



Why does it work?

- Because you're reducing the topic to key words.
- If you add pictures you're linking also to your visual memory.
- If you repeat in the same order each time you have repetition, which helps to move information from the working memory to the long-term memory.

If you repeat in a different order each time, forcing yourself to think of new connections, you are building a huge network of mental connections in your head, which means you'll be able to retrieve the information from lots of different 'pathways'.

Source: Jordan, A. (2013). Revision Strategies. Retrieved May 12, 2015, from <http://www.tesaustralia.com/teaching-resource/Revision-Strategies-6332265/>

<http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/students/high-school>

Click this link to take you straight to this fabulous site on the DEC website. Check it out today and get your studies firing along!

The screenshot shows the NSW Education & Communities website. The header includes the NSW Government logo, the department name, and navigation links for Department sites, Login, and a search bar. Below the header is a main navigation bar with links for Home, Our services, Policies, and About the department. The left sidebar contains a 'Students' menu with options like High school students, Assignments and study, HSC and NAPLAN, Your body and life, Friend or frenemy - High school, Taking charge, Help when you need it, Leaving school, and Random. The main content area is titled 'High school students' and features a large image of four students studying together. Below the image are several links to resources: 'Assignments and study', 'HSC and NAPLAN', 'Your body and life', 'Friend or frenemy', 'Taking charge', 'Help when you need it', 'Leaving school', and 'Random'. On the right side, there is a 'TRANSLATE' section with a language selection dropdown and a disclaimer about Google Translate. Below that are 'Print' and 'Listen' buttons, and a 'Share this page' link. At the bottom right, there is a 'POPULAR LINKS' section with a link to 'TaLE for students'. A footer note at the bottom of the main content area states: 'Be warned parents - This page is written for students by students, you may find that our youth speak is not for you!'.



Snap a picture of yourself and family members (pets too!) in front of your favourite bookshelf and you could win a \$100 Book Club Voucher! There are 10 vouchers to be won.

How to Enter:

Simply tell us in no more than 25 words what makes your bookshelf look so good. Email your answer and shelfie picture to competitions@scholastic.com.au with subject line 'Share a Shelfie Competition'.

Include your first name, surname, age, school name and state.



To celebrate the launch of Emily Rodda's new fantasy series, Star of Deltora, we have fabulous prizes up for grabs

3 lucky schools will WIN:

- A visit from Emily and Marc around the time of Book Week 2015 celebrations!
- An exclusive artwork created by Marc during the event for each school to keep.
- **PLUS** a signed class set of Emily Rodda's first book *Star of Deltora: Shadows of the Master* in her new series.

5 runner-up schools will WIN:

- A class set of Emily Rodda's first book *Star of Deltora: Shadows of the Master* in her new series.

How to enter:

- Place a school order on Issue 4 from all four student Book Clubs.
- In 25 words or less, tell us why you'd love to have author Emily Rodda and illustrator Marc McBride at your school.
- Email your response to competitions@scholastic.com.au.
- [Click here](#) for Terms and Conditions.



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Make sure you ask us for help.

Happy Reading and Studying!

Mrs Owen – Teacher Librarian

Mrs Sweep – SAS Library