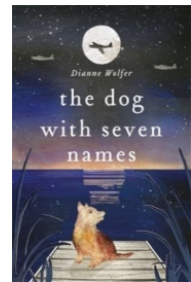




Dianne Wolfer - author

Dianne is the award-winning author of 23 books for children and teenagers, with three new titles published in 2022; [Skye Blackburn-Lang: Eating bugs for the planet](#), a fourth 'Light' book, [The Last Light Horse](#), and *Mia* part of the award-winning [Through my Eyes Australian Disaster Zone](#) series. Dianne lives on the south coast of Western Australia. Her PhD research into Crafting Animal Characters in Children's Literature resulted in two novels, [The Dog with Seven Names](#) and [The Shark Caller](#). The latter, a cross-cultural quest, was a [CBCA Notable](#) and shortlisted for WAYRBA. The former, also a CBCA Notable, was shortlisted for the [NSW Premier's Awards](#), won the [Speech Pathology Awards](#) and is published in Chinese.



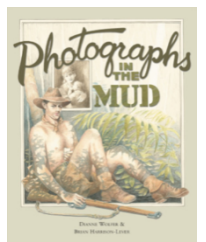
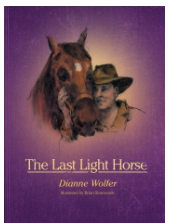
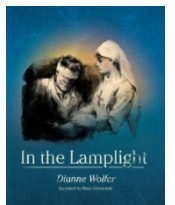
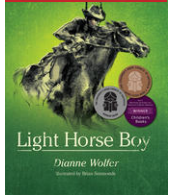
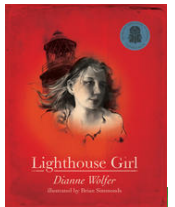
[Light Horse Boy](#), a CBCA Honour Book and winner of the WA Premier's Award, is a partner novel for [Lighthouse Girl](#), set in 1914 Albany when ships of the 1st AIF fleet gathered in Albany's King George Sound. [Lighthouse Girl](#) won the WA Young Readers' Book Awards, was a CBCA Notable, inspired Black Swan Theatre's theatre adaptation and the 'Little Girl Giant' who walked Perth streets in 2015. A third title [In the Lamplight](#), also a CBCA Notable, was serialized in *The West Australian* ED! Supplement. Plans are afoot for the



'Light' series to be brought to the stage in 2023 by [Theatre 180](#).



Other titles include [Nanna's Button Tin](#), republished with Candlewick US, [Annie's Snails](#) and CBCA shortlisted [Granny Grommet & Me](#), about surfing grannies. An earlier picture book, [Photographs in the Mud](#), set along the Kokoda Track, was used as an international peace reference and is published in Japanese. [Photographs in the Mud](#) and the *Light* series are used as school texts across Australia. YA title, [Choices](#) is also published in Polish and was commended for the Family Therapists Children's Literature Award.



Dianne is a passionate advocate for children's literature in Australia. She served six years as WA Advisor for the [Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators](#) (2006-2012) and currently serves as Remote Regions Coordinator for [SCBWI Australia West](#). In 2013, Dianne won the [Louise Schofield Award](#) for services to SCBWI, and in 2019 was awarded the biennial [SWW Nance Donkin Award](#). She sponsors [Story Dog](#), Buttercup.

Another novel, [Scout and the Rescue Dogs](#) will be released in 2023. In addition to book writing, Dianne composed [an ode to the Albany Entertainment Centre](#) with fellow writers, Kim Scott and Maree Dawes.

Dianne has a teaching background and presents author talks and workshops at schools and festivals across Australia and internationally. More information about Dianne can be found at www.diannewolfer.com and her second website celebrating all things anthropomorphic www.animalswhotalk.com

