

# Dianne Wolfer – author



Dianne is the award-winning author of 23 books for children and teenagers, with three 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 (Board of the Graduate Research School [Dean's List Winner](#) 2017) 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. The series is again being adapted for the stage in February 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*, also published in Polish, 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 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](http://www.diannewolfer.com) and her second website celebrating all things anthropomorphic [www.animalswhotalk.com](http://www.animalswhotalk.com)

