

## MEDIA RELEASE

# Lighthouse Girl

**DIANNE WOLFER WITH  
ILLUSTRATIONS BY BRIAN SIMMONDS**

### ABOUT THE BOOK

It's 1914. Fay can shoot a rabbit and make a mean nettle stew. She understands morse code and the semaphoric alphabet. She knows where the penguins nest and when the humpbacks migrate. But until she starts writing to a soldier named Charlie, she's never known friendship – and she's never had a friend to lose. This beautifully illustrated story for all ages combines the considerable talents of award-winning author, Dianne Wolfer, and first-time book illustrator, Brian Simmonds.

### ABOUT THE CREATORS

Dianne Wolfer is author of twelve books for teenagers and younger readers. She enjoys combining her love of history with writing fiction. Dianne is the Western Australian Advisor for the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI). She lives on the south coast of WA, loves travelling and has spent much of her life overseas.

Brian Simmonds is a full-time artist has won numerous prizes and awards for drawing, oil painting and mixed media works. His work can be found in many private and public collections throughout Australia. He is the illustrator of three books including *The River* (Fremantle Press, 2011).

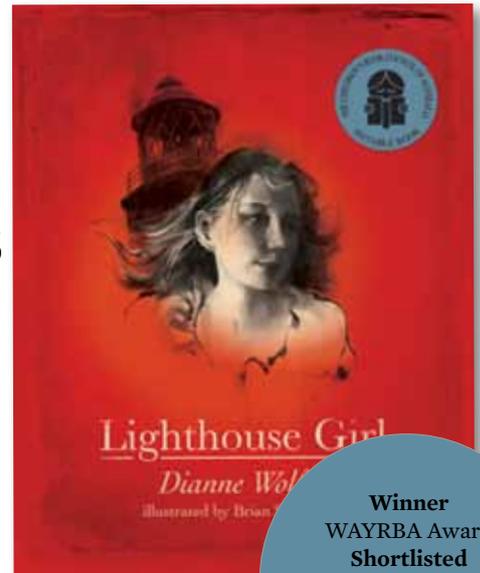
### NOTES

- Hardback edition sold two print runs.
- Free teaching notes available online.
- Offers young readers a valuable insight into life in remote Australia during the war, as well as a memorable, engaging read.
- Great introduction to Australian history and social studies material.
- Award-winning and well-known author.
- Illustrated with exquisite charcoal drawings by artist Brian Simmonds.
- It is a recommended text for the Australian National Curriculum.

### PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

'Full of evocative illustrations, sepia photographs and news clippings, Wolfer's book transports,' – *Frances Atkinson, The Sunday Age*

'Fay's reflections on her life and her relationship with the far-away soldier bring the moment keenly into our time. Highly recommended for middle years.' – *Reading Time*



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WAYRBA Award  
**Shortlisted**  
CBCA Crichton  
**Shortlisted**  
NSW Premier's Award

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