

MEDIA RELEASE

Light Horse Boy

DIANNE WOLFER WITH
ILLUSTRATIONS BY BRIAN SIMMONDS

ABOUT THE BOOK

In 1914 Jim and Charlie abandon the Australian outback for the excitement and adventure of the war to end all wars. But in the Light Horse they quickly discover the brutal realities of life on the frontline. And nothing will ever be the same again.

Featuring stunning charcoal sketches by Brian Simmonds alongside primary source documents and historical photos, *Light Horse Boy* goes behind the scenes of the Light Horse legend for an intimate look at their experience of World War I.

ABOUT THE CREATORS

Dianne Wolfer is author of thirteen 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 who has exhibited in and 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)

KEY POINTS

Wolfer's last title, *Lighthouse Girl*, is on the Australian Curriculum's reading list for history. It was a bestseller upon release and is in its third print run.

The book won the West Australian Young Readers' Award and was shortlisted for the 2009 NSW Premier's History Awards. Simmonds was shortlisted for the CBCA Crichton Award for Best New Illustrator in the same year.

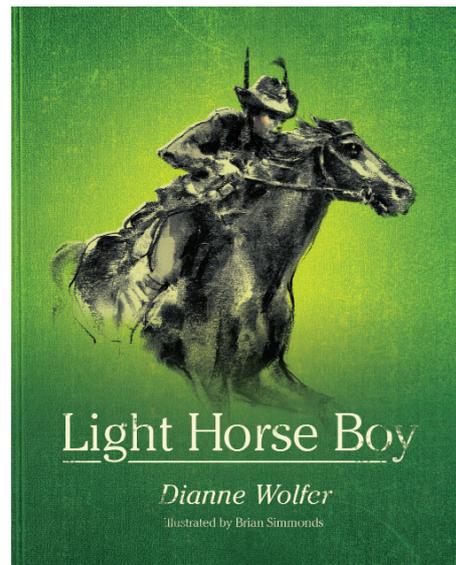
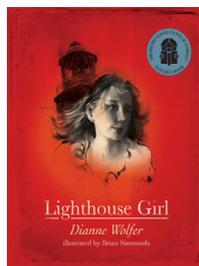
Wolfer will be appearing at national, regional and international writers' festivals in 2013.

Released for Anzac Day 2013.

PRAISE FOR LIGHTHOUSE GIRL

'Full of evocative illustrations, sepia photographs and news clippings, Wolfer's book transports. A great one for early and older readers alike,'
— Frances Atkinson, *The Sunday Age*

'Highly recommended for middle years.'
— *Reading Time*



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