

# In the Lamplight

by **DIANNE WOLFER**

illustrated by **BRIAN SIMMONDS**

## ABOUT THE BOOK

From fighting for the right to vote to nursing conscripted young men, Rose's life changes forever when World War I arrives in the peaceful English village of Harefield. With an influx of wounded Australian soldiers, the villagers rally around to provide care and comfort, despite suffering their own casualties and grieving for their own losses. Training to nurse Australian soldiers like Jim the Light Horse boy is hard work, but with it comes much for Rose to treasure – in the gaining of a vocation, in confidence won and in finding new love in a new land.

## ABOUT THE CREATORS

Dianne Wolfer is an award-winning author. Her book *Lighthouse Girl* inspired a character in PIAF's *The Giants* and has recently been adapted into a stage production by Black Swan State Theatre Company. Her picture book *Photographs in the Mud* (set along the Kokoda Track) is used as an international peace reference and has been published in Japanese; it is also a recommended resource for the National History Curriculum.

Brian Simmonds has a Bachelor of Arts in Fine Art from Curtin University. He has exhibited his work many times and won numerous prizes. His books include *The River* and *Rottnest Island*.



## PRAISE FOR THE CREATORS

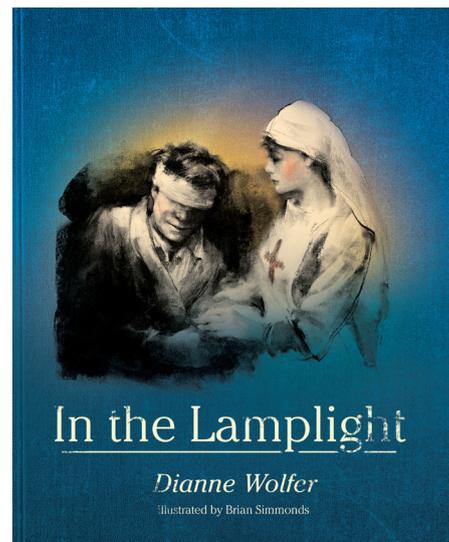
'A powerful and moving book, highly recommended.' *Child Magazines*

'Wolfer's book transports. A great one for early and older readers alike.' *The Sunday Age*

'A fine book that will add much to our understanding of the Australian spirit as it engages in war. Should be compulsory reading.' *Reading Time*

## NOTES

- Published to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. If you loved the award-winning *Lighthouse Girl* and *Light Horse Boy*, you will love *In the Lamplight's* combination of evocative charcoal drawings, archival materials and Australian history.
- The book explores the role of women in the war, the vital contribution of nurses, the travails of the journey back to Australia and the appalling loss of life in the Spanish influenza epidemic.
- *Lighthouse Girl* and *Light Horse Boy* have both been recognised in numerous awards, including the West Australian Young Readers' Book Awards, the CBCA Awards, the Western Australian Premier's Book Awards and the NSW Premier's History Awards.



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