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ABOUT THE BOOK

As I grew up, it became apparent to me that I didn't really understand the natural environment of the place where I was born. I found myself wishing that my parents had given me a book that revealed to me my homeland beyond the suburbs and the city.

Stepping Off is a book for locals and travellers alike. It is the story of the south-western corner of Western Australia: an environmental history, a social history, an invitation to reconnect with the land – and in doing so, to reconnect with ourselves.

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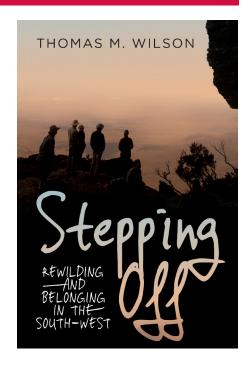
Thomas M. Wilson has spent his life writing about the human relationship with our home: the natural world. He has a PhD in Literature and the Environment, and is an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Western Australia. As well as being the author of *The Recurrent Green Universe of John Fowles* (Rodopi, 2006), Wilson has



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KEY POINTS

- Stepping Off is for anyone who has ever questioned their sense of belonging and for anyone who has ever dreamed of stepping off the grid to reconnect with the natural world.
- Wilson has created communication strategies for the World Wildlife Fund Australia, has developed curriculums on Western Australian environmental history for high schools, has been a research fellow at the Curtin University Sustainability Policy Institute and has tutored in English and Cultural Studies at the University of Western Australia.
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