

The SILENCE of WATER

by SHARRON BOOTH

ABOUT THE BOOK

When Fan's mum, Agnes, announces the family is moving to Western Australia to take care of Agnes's father – a man they've never spoken of before now – Fan finds herself a stranger in a new town living in a home whose currents and tensions she cannot read or understand.

Resentful of her mother's decision to move, Fan forms an alliance with her grandfather, Edwin Salt, a convict transported to Australia in 1862. As she listens to memories of his former life in England, Fan starts snooping around the house, riffling through Edwin's belongings in an attempt to fill the gaps in his stories. But the secrets Fan uncovers will shatter the family's fragile bonds forever, and force Edwin into a final reckoning with the brutality of his convict past.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sharron Booth was born in Yorkshire, England and emigrated to Western Australia as a child with her family in the 1970s. She has worked as a professional writer for more than 25 years. She has a PhD in Creative Writing and her creative work has been published in journals including *Southerly*, *LiNQ*, *The Australian* and broadcast on ABC Radio.



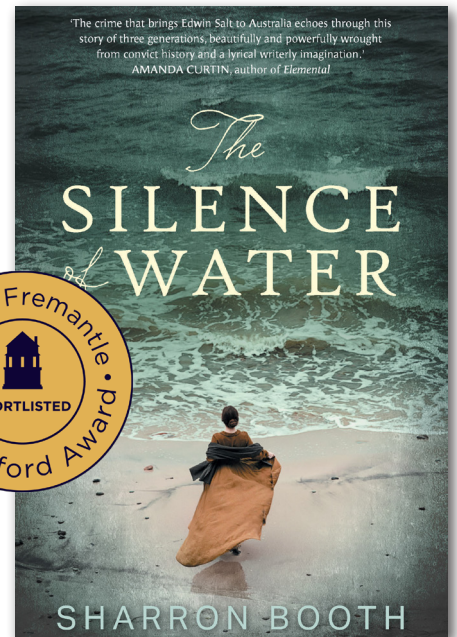
KEY POINTS

- *The Silence of Water* was shortlisted for the 2020 City of Fremantle Hungerford Award for an unpublished manuscript.
- The story of convicted murderer Edwin Salt is based upon real people, events and places. It counters the myth of the 'noble convict', by showing those who committed the worst kinds of crimes were given the chance to reinvent themselves, while victims lay forgotten.

PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

'With careful research and sparse, elegant prose Sharron Booth reveals how the life and crimes of a Western Australian convict affect generations of his family.' Kiera Lindsey, author of *The Convict's Daughter*

'The crime that brings Edwin Salt to Australia echoes through this story of three generations, beautifully and powerfully wrought from convict history and a lyrical writerly imagination.' Amanda Curtin, author of *The Sinkings*



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