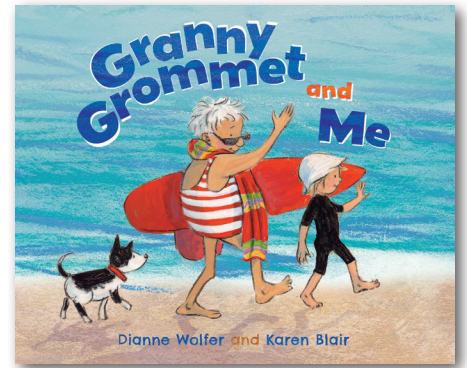


MEDIA RELEASE

Granny Grommet and Me

by DIANNE WOLFER and
KAREN BLAIR



ABOUT THE BOOK

A story that many young reluctant swimmers will identify with, *Granny Grommet and Me* is about the power of our elders to transform scary experiences into exciting ones. Watching Granny and her friends duck and dive and twist and turn, enjoying catching waves and revelling in the bracing and invigorating ocean spray, helps a junior grommet gain enough confidence to appreciate the wonders that lie beneath the surface of the water.

The book was inspired by the real Granny Grommets, a group of surfing/boogie boarding women in Albany, Western Australia.

ABOUT THE CREATORS

Dianne Wolfer is an award-winning author of children's books for all ages. Her picture book for older readers, *Lighthouse Girl*, served as inspiration for Perth Festival's The Giants and was adapted into a stage production by both Black Swan State Theatre Company and Theatre 180.



Karen Blair grew up in Perth, Western Australia. She made her first picture book when she was nine, and by the time she was in her twenties and living in the UK, she knew it was her dream to continue.



MEDIA NOTES

- When first released, the book was shortlisted for a Children's Book Council Book of the Year Award.
- A lovely story about the relationship between grandparents and their grandchildren, it combines the extraordinary talents of bestselling author Dianne Wolfer with the illustrative genius of Karen Blair.
- In this post-Covid world, this is the perfect book for the next generation to explore how to face fear and transcend anxiety.
- Karen's illustrations represent diverse body types with a gender ambiguous main child.
- Karen's successful picture book titles include: *Baby Beats* (CBCA Notable), *With Nan* (CBCA Honour Medal), *Something Wonderful* (CBCA Notable,) and *Hello from Nowhere* (CBCA Notable).
- Dianne Wolfer's Fremantle Press books have been acknowledged by the judges of multiple awards, including the Western Australian Premier's Book Award and being made both a Notable and an Honour Book in the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book of the Year.

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