

A WRECK OF SEABIRDS

by **Karleah Olson**

‘This tightly written, atmospheric novel captures the depths of human emotion.’

Judges’ report, The Fogarty Literary Award

‘Cleverly weaving together two storylines, author Karleah Olson masterfully explores Ren and Briony’s present, while also capturing the story of missing sister Sarah and her best friend Aria ... a brooding and intense read.’

Notables report, CBCA

ABOUT THE BOOK

When Briony first meets Ren, he is standing in the freezing sea at the edge of their tiny town. Ren hasn’t been home for a decade but has returned to be with his dying father. Briony won’t leave, hoping that Sarah, her missing sister, will one day reappear.

But Sarah and her friend Aria have been stranded on a desolate island far off the coast. The longer they’re trapped there, the less alone they seem.

How many secrets in this town have been swallowed by the brooding sea?

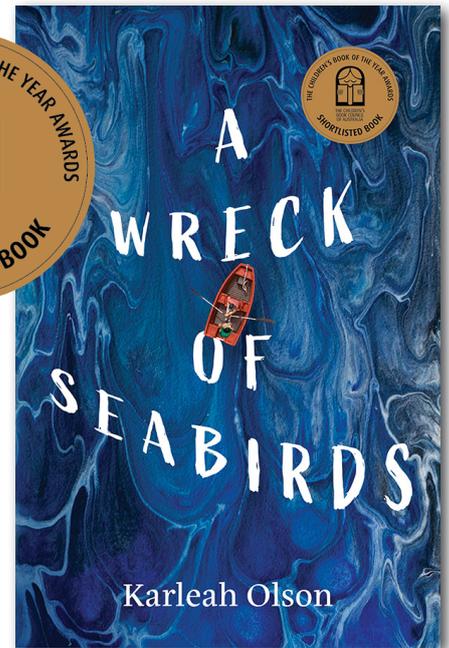
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Karleah Olson is an avid reader and loves to collect books – more than she could possibly read in a lifetime. Karleah recently completed her PhD at Edith Cowan University, where she studied Australian Coastal Gothic Literature. *A Wreck of Seabirds* is her debut novel.



KEY POINTS

- Delving into themes of loss, isolation and entrapment, *A Wreck of Seabirds* moves back and forth in time, intertwining the stories of Briony, Ren and Sarah against the moody backdrop of the Western Australian coastal landscape.
- Karleah wrote *A Wreck of Seabirds* as part of her PhD thesis tapping into her focus on Australian Coastal Gothic Fiction.
- Originally intended for a young adult audience, the book was first published for adults but now, with the CBCA shortlisting, we’re excited to bring it out as B format book for young adults.



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