

GOLDFIELDS *Girl*

by **Elaine Forrestal**

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ABOUT THE BOOK

It's 1892, and 14-year-old Clara Saunders is in search of adventure in the outback. When she strikes up a friendship with cheeky young water carter Jack, it seems to be a promising start. But the goldfields are a harsh place, where water is scarce and disease is common, and it's a place where many men will never find the fortune they've come to seek. With unforeseen tragedies on the horizon, Clara's time in the dusty town will truly test the limits of her fierceness and determination.

Inspired by a true story, *Goldfields Girl* will take readers back to a time when rural Australian towns were overrun by eager treasure hunters and being a teenage girl wasn't all buttons and bows.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Elaine Forrestal is a full-time writer who lives and works in Scarborough, Western Australia. Elaine has had novels, picture books, magazine articles and short stories published in Australia, the USA and the UK.



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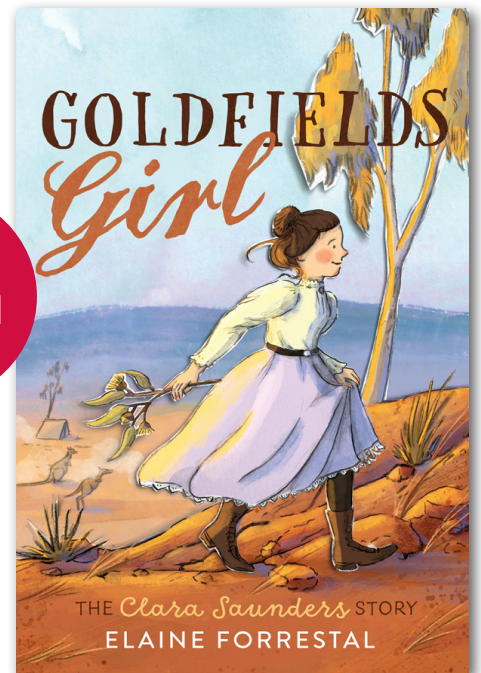
- Now available in a stunning new edition, Elaine Forrestal's gold-rush fever historical novel will capture the imagination of readers with Clara Saunders' story.
- A heartfelt and bold novel from CBCA award-winner Elaine Forrestal about a young girl's life in the harsh environment of the WA gold rush in the 1890s.
- Of her seventeen published fiction titles, fourteen have been shortlisted for, or won, major awards.
- A perfect book for school and libraries, for middle readers to enjoy and learn about this fascinating time.

PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

'*Goldfields Girl* is a fantastic read and a real and personal window into WA's gold history.' *Subiaco Post*

'... this tale will capture the reader's attention and bring the 1890s to life for a new generation.' *Writing WA*

'This will be a popular read for lovers of historical fiction and an inspirational read of resilience and determination.' *Magpies*



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