

Kathy White - Writing & Literature CV

My writing world

In April 2010, I started writing full-time, working on a novel for teenagers and a shorter novel for children. So far, I've had 13 books and approximately 130 short stories, plays and magazine articles published (see my bibliography for a complete list).

I write regularly for school magazines such as Explore and Challenge (Pearson Education Australia), the School Journal and Connected (Learning Media) and The School Magazine (Australia).

Books published are:

- Muffin Magic – Kiwi Bites series (Penguin, 2008)
- Animal Heroes – Connectors series (Scholastic, 2008)
- Wildlife on Film – Connectors series (Scholastic, 2008)
- Brilliant Blunders – Connectors series (Scholastic, 2008)
- Little Green Riding Hood – Reader's Theatre series (Benchmark, N.Y., 2006)
- A Hairy Tale – Kiwi Bites series (Penguin, 2005)
- The South Pacific – Chatterbox series (Pearson Education Australia, 2003)
- Dolphins – PM Plus series (Thomson Learning, 2002)
- Dancing to the Beat – PM Plus series (Thomson Learning, 2002)
- Music Technology – PM Plus series (Thomson Learning, 2002)
- Alex and Josie – Just Kids series (Pearson Education Australia, 2002)
- Problem Cat – Just Kids series (Pearson Education Australia, 2002)
- Birkenhead: The Way We Were (David Ling for North Shore City Council, 1993)

Writing residencies, courses, speeches, conferences and groups

- International Writing Programme in Iowa City from August-November 2009 (funded by Creative New Zealand). Attending this residency inspired my decision to become a full-time writer.
- Summer and Winter Writing Festivals – I was a tutor on An Introduction to Writing for Children courses, run through the Continuing Education Department at the University of Auckland for three years. I have also run private writing courses with Jill Marshall of Write Good Stuff, and for Storylines.
- Keynote speaker on 'Writing Creative Non-Fiction' for the Science in Literacy Conference in April 2007.
- Co-developed coursework for the Open Polytechnic's Children's Literature papers as part of their library qualification in 2005.

Kathy White
WRITER



kathy@kathywhite.co.nz
www.kathywhite.co.nz

- Participating author in the Writers in Schools programme run by the New Zealand Book Council. I will also be taking part in the online programme called BookTalks, which starts in 2010.
- I was one of the early board members of the Kiwi Write4Kidz group, which has been so influential in educating and encouraging children's writers.
- Courses attended include children's writing courses with John Marsden (twice) and Ken Catran. Subjects include reader's theatre and how to get a book published. I have attended many short courses and author talks organised by Kiwi Write4Kidz.
- Member of Kiwi Write4Kidz, New Zealand Society of Authors and the New Zealand Book Council.

Libraries and literature

Until April 2010, I was working full-time as Children's and Teenage Services Librarian for Devonport Library in Auckland.

In a previous job as Children's Librarian at Takapuna Library, and as Children's Coordinator for North Shore Libraries, I was responsible for purchasing children's resources and managing budgets. I trained staff and coordinated a team of six children's librarians. I organised and spoke about children's books at seminars for schools and other organisations. I also organised and promoted special events and children's programmes, and was convenor of the non-fiction panel of judges in the NZLIA Children's Book Awards in 1997.

Qualifications

I have a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Auckland and a post-graduate Diploma in Library and Information Studies from Victoria University, Wellington.

Kathy White
WRITER



kathy@kathywhite.co.nz
www.kathywhite.co.nz