Useful books for History Teachers
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Western Australian History
*** Starred authors are West Australian. Copies of all these titles are available at public libraries – if your local library does not have a copy, it can be requested on inter-library loan from another library.

*Helen Bell * Idjhil: and the land cried for its lost soul
Idjhil is the moving story of a Western Australian Aboriginal boy who, at the age of nine, is taken from his family in accordance with the official government policy of the time. Although written as fiction, it is based on the memories and experiences of people still alive today.

*Valerie Everett * The house that was built in a day: Anzac Cottage
Based on the amazing and moving true story of a community that built a house in one day for a soldier returned from Gallipoli. Anzac Cottage still stands to this day in Mount Hawthorn. See more information at http://www.valerieeverett.com.au/anzac.html

*Warren Flynn * Return ticket
A time slip book about modern teens getting stuck in the past – can they live without computers, washing machines and Coke? Warren was inspired by someone on the radio saying: 'If we forget our past or we don't know it, it's like we're a person with no memory - we don't know who we are and we've lost our way.' http://members.iinet.net.au/~wgmn/

*Elaine Forrestal * Black Jack Anderson
Ruthless, passionate, charismatic and complex, Black Jack Anderson made a living by raiding passing ships off the southwest coast of Australia. The massive African-American was notorious in his lifetime, but this towering figure in Australian history has been forgotten… until now. For older readers. http://www.elaineforrestal.com.au/books/black-jack-anderson/

*Elaine Forrestal * Straggler’s Reef

*Michelle Gillespie * Sam, Grace and the Shipwreck

*Mark Greenwood * The legend of Moondyne Joe
Moondyne Joe was not known for blazing gunfights or robbing banks. It was the convict bushranger’s amazing ability to escape every time he was placed behind bars than won him fame and the affection of the early settlers. http://www.markgreenwood.com.au/moondyne.html

*Mark Greenwood * Fortuyn’s ghost
In 1724 the Fortuyn vanished after leaving the Cape of Africa. The Dutch East India Company ship was bound for Batavia. Fortuyn’s Ghost imagines that voyage’s end on WA’s treacherous Shipwreck Coast. http://www.markgreenwood.com.au/fortuyn.html

Libby Hathorn * Georgiana, woman of flowers
Georgiana Molloy is 23 years old and newly married when she arrives in the new settlement of Augusta. This is the tale of her contribution to the development of the settlement of Augusta and the Vasse region and to the knowledge of the flora and fauna of the area. Teachers’ notes here: http://www.libbyhathorn.com/pdf/georgiana_teaching_notes.pdf

*Norman Jorgensen * Jack’s Island

*Joy Lefroy * The pipeline C Y O’Connor built
A lively celebration of the legendary C Y O’Connor’s gigantic endeavour to build the pipeline from Mundaring Weir near Perth to the Kalgoorlie goldfields. Co-author is Diana Frylink. See teaching notes here: http://www.fremantlepress.com.au, then click on books.
*Mike Lefroy  Shipwreck at Madman's Corner
This is a true story about treasure lost at sea and maritime archaeologists looking for secrets from the past. Local spearfishermen at Madman's Corner, a remote area on the coast of WA, discover a mystery wreck.

*Mike Lefroy  HMAS Sydney: the mystery of Australia's greatest naval disaster
On 19 November 1941 the HMAS Sydney II sank. On board were 645 Australian sailors. None survived, and the location of the wreck was a mystery for many years.

*Mike and Joy Lefroy  The Catalpa escape
The amazing true story of the great escape of the Fenians from Fremantle Prison on Easter Monday, 17 April 1876.

*Deborah Lisson The Yankee whaler: the diary of Thomas Morris
Thomas Morris delivers telegrams in Bunbury and things are looking suspicious! In his diary Tom records his exciting adventures as he tries to solve the mystery, then finds himself part of an international plot.

John Nicholson Kimberley warrior: the story of Jandamarr
One hundred years ago, Jandamarr led his people against the white occupation of Bunuba lands. At 21 he organised his first ambush, and by the age of 24 he was dead. To his people he was a hero, to the whites a dangerous 'baddie' who must be captured at any cost.

*Jan Ormerod  Lizzie Nonsense
*Lizzie Nonsense* brings to life, through the story of one family, the experience of pioneering women and children left alone in the Australian bush while their husbands and fathers were away working. Seen through the eyes of Lizzie, the joy and exuberance of childhood shines through, despite the hard work and isolation. [http://www.littleharebooks.com/schoolresources/notes/lizzie_nonsense.pdf](http://www.littleharebooks.com/schoolresources/notes/lizzie_nonsense.pdf)

*Doris Pilkington Home to mother (Junior) Follow the rabbit proof fence (Teen / Adult)
This is an extraordinary story of courage and faith. It is based on the actual experiences of three girls who fled from the Moore River Native Settlement, following along the rabbit-proof fence back to their homelands.

*Dianne Wolfer  Lighthouse girl
Based on the true story of Fay Catherine Howard who lived on Breaksea Island with her father, who was the lighthouse keeper. She was 15 when she stood on the shore and signalled the fleet departing for the First World War. She received postcards from the Middle East addressed to 'The little girl at Breaksea Island.' More info at [www.diannewolfer.com](http://www.diannewolfer.com).

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*Mark Greenwood Simpson and his donkey

*Mark Greenwood  Ned Kelly and the green sash

*Mark Greenwood  The legend of Lasseter's Reef

*Norman Jorgensen  In Flanders fields

*Mike Lefroy  Captain Cook and the Endeavour
*Captain Cook and the Endeavour* is the story of a poor boy from Yorkshire, born into a farming family but destined for much more. It's the story of a coal ship purchased by the British Navy for a scientific mission to the Pacific Ocean. Together they sailed off the map and navigated half the world.

Reeder, Stephanie Owen  Lost! A true tale from the bush
In August 1864, three children, aged nine, seven and three survived nine days lost in the Victorian bush. The children walked for nearly 100 kilometres with no food and very little water. Against all odds, they were found alive, and this is their inspiring story.