

# Alison Reynolds



## Welcome to my March 2023 newsletter.

### Time for a catch up!

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**I adored this summer with lots of swims and walks and fun and a couple of holidays in lovely Lorne and the always magical Port Fairy. Perfection. Here's some photos:**



# The Annual Biblio Art Prize

I was thrilled to visit the always brilliant Blarney Books in Port Fairy to see the entrants in the Biblio Art prize. Artists are paired with a book and this exhibition is the result! An amazing display by so many talented artists with such diverse and illuminating interpretations of Australian novels. Of course I'm not biased, but I absolutely adored Wendi Seymour's *The Near Daphne Experiencer* inspired by my work. I had to buy it and I can't wait to have it hanging up in my study. Feeling like a very lucky author!



## Daphne News

The *Near Daphne Experience* was listed as one of Vision Australia's top ten reads in November 2022. I was also interviewed by the lovely Stella Glorie for her Hear This radio show. Again I'm not being biased but the audio version of *Daphne* is amazing with different actors playing the parts. [Listen to a sample here.](#)

November also saw me present a talk at the recently opened Bentleigh Library. Such a lovely group of readers with loads of laughs. The new library is well worth a visit too, if you're in the area. The staff are super welcoming.

On January 7<sup>th</sup>, I was the Global Girls Book Club Online Author of the day. It was a pure treat to be able to chat online with readers from all

parts of the globe. This is a wonderful, interactive [FaceBook group](#) that is definitely worth checking out! And the reading recommendations are great!

## KidLitVic 2023

The KidLitVic Meet the Publishers Conference is back in person on 30<sup>th</sup> April this year so I'm busy planning that. It's going to be huge. This gives writers and illustrators of children's and young adult books the opportunity to meet with some of Australia's best publishers. I believe this is important as there is so much misinformation floating around about the publishing industry and this day gives you the opportunity to hear the publishers themselves say what they want. It's a full day conference that includes panels, assessments, pitches, workshops and masterclasses. We're sold out this year, but you can always join the waiting list because you never know what might happen. [More Info here.](#)

## Better Reading Top 100



Voting for the Better Reading Top 100 favourite Books is still open and if any book comes to mind that you might like to vote for (hint, hint)...Voting does close on 13th of March and all entrants are eligible to win the 100 top titles.

[Vote & Enter the Draw Here](#)

Of course if you like the Near Daphne Experience a review is always welcome on Good Reads, Booktopia or Amazon any time of the year.

## Regional Libraries

A recent visit to Camperdown Library reminded me how hard many regional librarians have to work. They are often under resourced and overlooked but for many in a country town they are an essential hub for the community and a meeting place and refuge for all ages. It is always an interesting place to find out what is going on in a town.



## What I am watching.

### Call the Midwife

Yes I am watching *Call the Midwife*. I often seem to watch series years after they're produced. I find it comforting if confusing. Why? I began watching it from the first season on Channel 7/2 Tuesday nights and just when I was getting into season 3 the ABC started showing season 11 on Saturday night. I am now in the befuddling position of jumping backwards and forwards in time and trying to keep track of what is happening in both series. Still, watching babies being born is a constant joy no matter what season!



I met this chap checking his watch in Cobden of all places. Must have been late to dinner at



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That's all until the next newsletter. I'm deep in adult novel 2, which is getting twistier and twistier. At the moment a character's popped up that I need to decide or develop a storyline for. Oh the power of the writer! Wouldn't it be nice sometimes if we could just tap delete on some things in life.

Warmest wishes,

**Until next time... Alison**

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