Roger McDonald was born in Young, New South Wales in 1941. He attended Scots College and the University of Sydney and now lives in Canberra. His volumes of poetry "Citizens of Mist" (1968) and "Airship" (1975), as well as the "First Paperback Poets Anthology", which he edited, preceded the novel "1915", a powerful depiction of Australia's emergence from its sheltered beginnings onto the world stage amid the carnage of the Gallipoli landings, as seen through the experiences of two boys from the bush who go off to World War I with the Anzac Brigade.

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