



Renowned WA artist Robert Juniper (right) congratulates George Duxbury on his latest book.
Photo by George's son Troy

By George, he's done it again!

BACK in 1984, when he was CALM ranger at Fitzgerald River National Park, George Duxbury published a book of verse titled *A Bush Waterhole*. Well, he's done it again!

George has published another book of poetry and yarns called *Spirit of the Bush*. In fact, he has also had his first book reprinted, after being out of print for about 14 years.

The poetry and the yarns cover a wide range of subjects and reflect the places where George has lived, worked or visited during a life spent in and around the Western Australian bush.

One story tells how a forest worker, Charlie McIlhatton, rescued George from bushfires in the lower South West on two separate occasions during the early 1960s.

Now located at Mundaring District as John Forrest National Park senior ranger, George is basking in the afterglow of the successful launch of both books.

About 85 people turned up to witness renowned Western Australian artist Robert Juniper launch the books.

Complimenting him on his efforts, Robert revealed that he and George had crossed swords after his appointment to the John Forrest.

"He made me take my dog out of the park!" Robert said.

"Little did I suspect back then that this could be a poetic man of great sensitivity.

I've taken the time to read most of George's work—and I must say I'm impressed.

Robert also complimented the illustrators of the books, former ranger's wife, Carolyn

Gillies-Gray, (*A Bush Waterhole*) and George's friend Von Carlsen of Bayswater (*Spirit of the Bush*).

Readers can visit George's website, where both book covers are displayed, together with a potted history plus pic of the author, 'slaving over a hot computer' to produce yet another literary gem.

The web page, which was produced by typographer and friend Mark Williams, can be accessed at: <http://www.type-tamer.com.au/duxbury/>

Spirit of the Bush and *A Bush Waterhole* are available direct from George at PO Box 219, Glen Forrest, WA 6071. They cost \$15.00 each, plus \$2.00 postage and handling. Ordered together, they cost \$25.00, plus \$4.00 postage and handling—saving the purchaser \$5.00 over all.

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Photograph shows George Duxbury (L)
being congratulated on the launch of
his books by Artist Robert Juniper

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