

## Children's Book Festival

Since opening in 2005, The Watermill has been active in promoting children's literacy. The children's department offers a wide choice of books: reference; guides; biographies; fiction and primers, alongside an attractive range of picture books, for all ages.

Our ongoing children's literacy programme includes weekly sessions in The Watermill's reading room, Groups meet every week for round table discussion.

Out of the enthusiasm of our literary community, the Aberfeldy Children's Book Festival is born!

The sessions are exclusively devoted to children's books. Children from the reading groups will be playing a leading part in running the sessions. Older children will play a key role in chairing author events and backstage organisation. Younger children will be actively involved in mini-events. Our experienced staff will be on hand throughout to advise about children's reading and books.

### The Watermill

Voted Scottish Independent Bookshop of the Year, The Watermill is a unique combination of large bookshop, art gallery, music and coffee shop, all in a grade-A listed former oatmeal mill. We are open seven days a week, all year. (10-5 Mon to Sat, 12-5 Sun)

### Explore Aberfeldy

Aberfeldy is a special place to visit, especially in spring. As well as the events of the book festival, there are spectacular woodland walks and outdoor activities, all in a setting on the edge of the Highlands, yet within two hours drive from Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee and Aberdeen.

If you are coming to stay, the local tourist office (01887 820276) or the local tourism website, [www.aberfeldy.co.uk](http://www.aberfeldy.co.uk) can help with accommodation.

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# Children's & Young People's Book Festival, Aberfeldy

**Saturday 12th &  
Sunday 13th  
May 2007**



### Sessions led by:

- Mairi Hedderwick
- Nicola Morgan
- Keith Gray
- Katie Grant
- Jamie Jauncey
- Catherine MacPhail
- Linda Cracknell
- Claire Hewitt



Two days of events for children organised by  
**THE WATERMILL BOOKSHOP  
ABERFELDY**



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## Friday May 11th

The Watermill is sponsoring three events in Aberfeldy and Pitlochry for children from Highland Perthshire schools led by Mairi Hedderwick and Keith Gray.

## Saturday May 12th

11 - 12noon **Mairi Hedderwick – Katie Morag comes to Aberfeldy!** The every popular author of Katie Morag brings more *Island Stories* to town. (age 5-8)

11 - 12noon **Linda Cracknell – What Happens Next?** How to write a great story. Aberfeldy-based scriptwriter leads a creative writing session. (age 9-12)

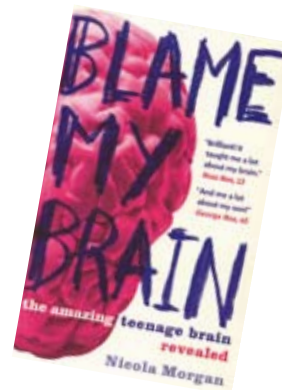
12.30 - 1.30pm **Keith Gray – All That Malarkey** Funny, hurtful, pulsing... - how Keith Gray's multi-award winning books have been described. Meet Keith, only 24 when he was first published, and hear an extract from his latest novel. (age 11 plus)

12.30 - 1.30pm **Nicola Morgan – Blame My Brain, The Amazing Teenage Brain Revealed** A fascinating insight into teenage angst. An entertaining, empowering and mind-opening talk. Parents and teenagers welcome!

2 - 3pm **Catherine MacPhail – Writing a Thriller** How does a writer keep the reader turning the pages? How do they come up with their twists and cliffhangers? The author of *Wheels* tells you how she does it. (age 9-12)

2 - 3pm **Claire Hewitt – Storytelling** Aberfeldy storyteller and musician brings popular stories to life. (age 5-8)

3.30 - 4.30pm **Nicola Morgan – Dark, Dangerous, Dastardly and Deep.** Want to be shocked by the history behind *Fleshmarket*? Discover you have synaesthesia? Hear a terrifying reading of a new novel before publication? (age 11 plus)



## Sunday May 13th

11 - 12noon **Jamie Jauncey – Where do stories come from?** A member of the board of the Edinburgh Book Festival, Jamie is passionate about children's books. He has a new book, *The Witness*, coming out this summer. Come along for an hour of fun and find out how authors AND YOU get at those great ideas for stories. (Age 8-12)

11 - 12noon **Jayne Pascoe – Children and Books - Making the right match.** Educationalist, co-owner of The Watermill and founder of the children's reading groups gives advice on choosing books for children of all ages. This session is free.

12.30 - 1.30pm **Katie Grant – Heads, Hangmen and Hatboxes** Putting the story back into hi-story. A strange up-bringing; a cat-a-pelting nanny; a head in a hatbox. All are grist to Katie Grant's authorial mill! Watch out for her wig-bag. Hold on to your head! (age 8-12)

2 - 3pm **Literary Fancy Dress Parade – Open to all.** Stories come to life as children dress up as characters from their favourite books, parade around The Watermill and are interviewed 'in character'. This session is free. Prizes will be awarded to the best-dressed characters.

## Booking

Tickets for all events must be booked. A parent or carer must remain in the room for Mairi Hedderwick and Claire Hewitt events (ages 5-8). Tickets for all events are £3 except Children and Books and Literary Fancy Dress Parade (free).

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