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**Floris Books is delighted to announce the publication
of the sequel to *The Chaos Clock*:**

THE CHAOS QUEST

Gill Arbuthnott

198 x 130 mm • 192pp

0-86315-459-X • original paperback • £4.99

Age 9-12 • Publication: 30 September 2004

- Sequel to bestseller *The Chaos Clock*
- The second of a new breed of **Contemporary Kelpies**, novels for children set in contemporary Scotland
- Set in contemporary Edinburgh – uses real locations around the city
- Promotional website for children at www.florisbooks.co.uk/chaos

It is eighteen months after the events of *The Chaos Clock*, and Kate and David are now at secondary school in Edinburgh. David is struggling to come to terms with his new stepmother, and Kate is being expected to take more responsibility for her younger brother.

But time never stands still for long. They soon become involved in a race to prevent the Lords of Chaos from tricking Erda, the Stardreamer, into releasing her power. Even with help from Morgan the Hunter, can they prevent the barriers between times being blown away forever?

Praise for *The Chaos Clock*

'A most engaging fantasy novel. What might have been a straightforward tussle is enriched and complicated by the personal circumstances of the children, particularly David for whom the temptation to return to a time when his mother is still alive proves desperately appealing. Edinburgh, and particularly the city's Museum of Scotland, provides the atmospheric setting and props for this tightly plotted novel. Dynamic and satisfying. For readers aged nine to 12.' – Lindsey Fraser, *Sunday Herald*, 5 October 2003

'An unusual, enjoyable combination of fantasy thriller and psychological drama with a warmly satisfying ending.' – Kathryn Ross, *The Scotsman*, 13 December 2003 (Christmas Picks)

'A dramatic read, well crafted, well sustained and imaginative. Kate and David's friendship is based on that between Gill Arbuthnott's daughter and her friend, and its feeling of unforced authenticity is one of the strengths of the story.'

– Di Hope, *Times Education Supplement Scotland*, 14 November 2003

About the Author

Gill Arbuthnott lives in Bruntsfield, Edinburgh and is the mother of two children, Ellen and Robert. She teaches biology at the Edinburgh Academy. *The Chaos Quest* is her second novel. Gill draws the inspiration for her writing from the city of Edinburgh, and many real-life locations appear in the book.

Edinburgh International Book Festival – exclusive

Gill Arbuthnott will be appearing at the EIBF on **August 22**, where she will be reading from and discussing *The Chaos Clock* and *The Chaos Quest*. *The Chaos Quest*, although not published until 30 September, will be exclusively available for sale at the EIBF, for the duration of the Festival. A limited number of copies is available.



Website at www.florisbooks.co.uk/chaos

A promotional website for *The Chaos Clock* and *The Chaos Quest* is now online. It includes a sample first chapter from each book, free downloads (including a specially-created Edinburgh Chaos Map, detailing key locations from around the city which feature in the books), information on the main characters and the author, and a chance to have your say and see it published online. It also features informational sections for Parents, Teachers and Press.