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Independent Scottish Publisher Makes Clean Sweep of Scottish Children's Book Awards Category Shortlist

Three books all published by independent Scottish publisher Floris Books will compete against each other at the Scottish Children's Book Awards 2013, after they were announced as the complete shortlist for the Young Readers (8–11 years) category.

Books by Floris authors **Caroline Clough**, **Daniela Sacerdoti** and **Janis Mackay** were shortlisted for the award, the largest of its kind in Scotland, which is run by Scottish Book Trust in partnership with Creative Scotland.

This is the first time that any publisher has published all three shortlisted books in one category. It is also the most books by a Scottish publisher to have appeared on the Scottish Children's Book Awards shortlist for any given year.

Katy Lockwood-Holmes, Publisher at Floris Books said:

"This is a ringing endorsement of the breadth and quality of Floris's Scottish children's publishing, and to have beaten off the best of Scottish authors from other UK publishers is a great achievement.

"Floris Books has just celebrated 10 years of publishing our Kelpies list of Scottish children's novels so this is a wonderful addition to a great year. We'd also like to say a big thank you to Scottish Book Trust for the support they give to our Scottish authors, and for their excellent organisation of the awards."

Sally Polson, Commissioning Editor at Floris Books said:

"We are absolutely thrilled for our talented authors Caroline, Daniela and Janis. Each one of their books is entertaining, exciting and beautifully written. The whole Floris team have been delighted to work with them and are incredibly proud of this accomplishment. Each book is uniquely brilliant and I certainly wouldn't envy anyone trying to choose between them."

Daniela Sacerdoti, shortlisted author of Really Weird Removals.com, said:

"I'm delighted to be shortlisted for the Scottish Children's Book Awards. It's also great to share this chance with two fellow Floris authors, Janis and Caroline – it looks like it's Floris' year, and we'll certainly make the most of it!"

The Scottish Children's Book Awards recognise excellence in Scottish writing and illustration for children across three age categories: Bookbug Readers (3–7 years), Younger Readers (8–11 years) and Older Readers (12–16 years).

The winner of each category is decided by Scottish children themselves, who will be reading the shortlisted books and voting for their favourite over the next seven months. The winners will be announced at a special award ceremony in early March 2014.

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Notes for Editors

1. Floris Books is an independent publisher based in Edinburgh. Established over 30 years ago, it is the largest children's publisher in Scotland and also publishes non-fiction books on alternative living.
2. The Kelpies range, published by Floris Books since 2002, comprises over 60 children's novels set in Scotland or with Scottish themes, suitable for children from 8 to 12 years old.
3. 2013 marks the 10th anniversary of Floris Book's first original Kelpie novel.
4. The Kelpies are supported by Creative Scotland.

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