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Mother and Son To Publish With Same Indie Imprint

Award-winning teen author Cathy MacPhail and her son David will both publish in the Kelpies imprint with Floris Books in 2015

Independent Edinburgh publisher Floris Books today announce that 2015 will see the publication of separate books by a mother and son: award-winning teen author Cathy MacPhail and her son David MacPhail. The books will come out in Floris's Kelpies range of children's books.

Floris Books' Senior Commissioning Editor Eleanor Collins approached Cathy MacPhail early in 2013 for a Scottish young teen novel with a punch, while, independently, David submitted his outline for a series of laugh-out-loud viking adventures for youngsters. It wasn't until after David's series was given a green light at a commissioning meeting that the connection was made.

Eleanor Collins said: "Cathy later told us she'd suggested David submit his book to us, and we're so glad he did! Not only do we have the pleasure of working with two great authors – one established and a talented newcomer – but it's also an exciting first for Floris to publish a mother and son.



"We're very flattered when our authors recommend publishing with us to others – let alone to their children! Talent obviously runs in the MacPhail family. We'll be looking out for the next generation!"

Bestselling teen author Cathy MacPhail will be first, when her thrilling *Devil You Know* is published as part of the KelpiesTeen range in March. Set on a Glasgow estate, *Devil You Know* is the story of Logan Masse, told in his own words, as he wrestles with precarious friendships, gangs and revenge.



Packed with Cathy's trademark mix of real-life drama and shocking twists, *Devil You Know* is sure to please fans of her previous books, including *Mosi's War*, currently shortlisted for a Scottish Children's Book Award, and *Another Me*, released as a film this year starring *Game of Thrones*' Sansa Stark, Sophie Turner.

Then in July 2015, David MacPhail, author of *Yeti on the Loose*, will publish the first two titles in his new series for younger readers, *Thorfinn the Nicest Viking*.

Perfect for fans of *Borgan the Axeboy* and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, this hilarious series for 6 to 8 year olds follows the adventures of the titular Thorfinn, a truly terrible excuse for a viking, who always does his homework on time and happily helps his mum wash the dirty dishes. Determined to make him a real viking, his dad, Harald the Skull-Splitter (village chief and the roughest and toughest viking of them all), takes him on a voyage of pillaging and plundering.

The *Thorfinn the Nicest Viking* series launches Floris Books' latest venture: Young Kelpies, an imprint of series for 6 to 8 year olds, which, alongside Picture Kelpies (for 3 to 6 year olds), Kelpies (for 8 to 12 year olds) and KelpiesTeens (for 11 to 14 year olds), will fulfil their aim of publishing quality Scottish children's books for tots to teens.

About Floris Books

Currently shortlisted for the Saltire Society Scottish Publisher of the Year 2014, Floris Books is an independent publisher based in Edinburgh and the largest children's publisher in Scotland. Floris Books has published the Kelpies imprint since 2002, followed by Picture Kelpies in 2010, KelpiesTeen in 2014 and Young Kelpies in 2015. Floris Books acknowledges the support of Creative Scotland.

About Cathy MacPhail

Cathy MacPhail is the award-winning author of over thirty children's books including *Run Zan Run*, *Roxy's Baby*, *Out of the Depths* and *Grass*. Her novel *Mosi's War* is currently shortlisted for a Scottish Children's Book Award, an award she's won twice before, and a film adaptation of her novel *Another Me* was released in 2014. She was born and brought up in Greenock, Scotland, where she still lives. *Devil You Know* is released 19 March 2015 (978-178250-179-4).

About David MacPhail

David MacPhail is the Perthshire children's author of *Yeti on the Loose* and has been shortlisted for the Greenhouse Funny Prize. The first books in his series, *Thorfinn and the Awful Invasion* and *Thorfinn and the Gruesome Games*, will be published in July 2015, followed by *The Fearsome Highlanders* and *The Disgusting Feast* in March 2016, and *Thorfinn* books 5 and 6 in July 2016.

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