

The Dreamsnatcher

‘An outstanding debut packed with suspense, adventure and heart’

The Dreamsnatcher by Abi Elphinstone

Recently heralded as a Top 10 Children’s Book Not to Miss in 2015 by The Bookseller, Abi Elphinstone’s debut novel for 9+ years, *The Dreamsnatcher*, is taking the children’s book world by storm. Published only a month ago, the Daily Mail have already billed it as being ‘Harry Potter dark magic territory – atmospheric and packed with drama’, The Sunday Times have called it ‘thrilling for 9+ readers’, Waterstones has listed it as a ‘scintillating read’ and Abi is now tipped to speak at leading literary festivals across the country this year.

The Dreamsnatcher follows the story of twelve-year-old Moll Pecksniff who wakes one night in the middle of the forest, lured there by a recurring nightmare – the one with the drums and the rattles and the masks. The Dreamsnatcher is waiting. He has already taken her dreams and now he wants her life. Because Moll is more important than she knows... The Oracle Bones foretold that she and Gryff, a wildcat that has always been by her side, are the only ones who can fight back against the Dreamsnatcher's dark magic. Suddenly everything is at stake, and Moll is drawn into a world full of secrets, magic and adventure. Watch the gripping trailer here: www.abielphinstone.com. Perfect for fans of J.K. Rowling, Michelle Paver and Philip Pullman.

Notes to Editors

- Abi Elphinstone grew up in Scotland where she spent most of her childhood building dens, hiding in tree houses and running wild across highland glens
- After being coaxed out of her tree house, she studied English at Bristol University and then worked as a teacher in Africa, Berkshire and London
- *The Dreamsnatcher* is Abi’s debut novel and when she's not writing about Moll and Gryff, she volunteers for Kidsco, runs creative writing workshops and blogs about children's books at www.moontrug.com
- Together with The Exploration Society, Abi is running a Dreamsnatcher Expedition over the August bank holiday where children will sleep in gypsy wagons, cook round the campfire, carve catapults and learn Romany crafts. For more information, please visit: <http://explorationsociety.co.uk/dreamsnatcher/>

