

Wee Mac

by Linda Dawley

Book Description

Twelve-year-old Jane, steeped in sadness by the loss of her mother has become mute. She and her father leave New Zealand to live in Scotland for three months. Jane spends her day walking the shoreline where she meets Wee Mac, a telepathic dog. Jane is amazed she can, 'think-talk' with Wee Mac, then meets Hamish, a telepathic boy and they all become friends.

Angus, the bard of the village, tells stories of the seal people called, selkies, the spirits of the dead and of kelpies, horses who go under the sea. Jane decides her mum must be a selkie and is determined, with the help of Hamish and Wee Mac, to find her.

When she convinces a kelpie to take her beneath the ocean, what does she find?

Reviews

"I like the dog. He's so funny."

Ally, 8

"It's unique because the girl doesn't speak,
but in a good way." Hayden, 10

"I was impressed. Dawley's sensitive, insightful handling of how children cope with grief and the loss of a parent makes *Wee Mac* a stand-out book for children. Yet, in spite of its serious theme, there is nothing morose or maudlin about Dawley's story. It is a delightful feel-good fantasy, full of humour. The dialogue is a treat. And of course, set in Scotland the story is populated with bards and biddies and a curmudgeonly Laird, along with kelpies, and selkies, and the titular character, a rather sassy telepathic Australian terrier who simply steals the show. A wonderful story. Recommended reading for all families."

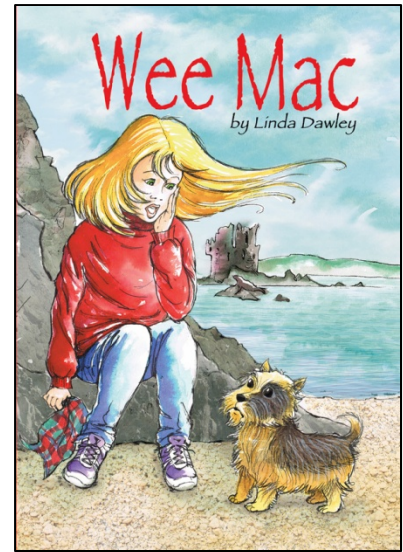
- Lee Murray, author of *Battle of the Birds*, Sir Julius Vogel Award Winner of Best Youth Novel in Science Fiction and Fantasy.

About the Author

Linda Dawley, a Canadian, married a Kiwi and moved to New Zealand, via Australia. In New Zealand they continued the trend of shifting house at least once a year and Linda decided she needed a profession that could shift along with her. She turned to a long held desire and studied 'Applied Writing' with Northland Polytechnic. New Zealand's *Learning Media School Journal* and the *Australian School Magazine* are home to her first children's short stories. Linda has written two children's novels, *The Tooth Fairy's Mistake* and *Wee Mac*, and is currently working on her next book.

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