



WHERE THE WORLD ENDS

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A stunning look at the art of survival, and the stories we tell to keep memories and hope alive, from master storyteller and multiple award-winner Geraldine McCaughrean.

"How can you write about a bunch of boys stranded for months on a lonely sea stac and make it surprising, tragic, funny and page-turningly exciting? Geraldine McCaughrean knows how, and she proves it in this brilliant, beautiful novel, as unpredictable as the sea itself."

Philip Reeve, best-selling author of *Mortal Engines*

It's fowling season on the isolated Scottish island of Hirta, St Kilda, but what starts as a three week harvest soon turns into a daily battle for survival as nine young boys are left stranded on the perilous sea stacs, imprisoned on every side by the ocean, and by their fears of the unknown.

Based on a true story, Geraldine breathes life into a tale of courage against all odds. Complemented with further insight and an illustrated glossary this beautifully packaged hardback is more than a humble tale of riding out the storm. On writing the *Where the Worlds Ends*, Geraldine says:

"When I came across the story of the boys marooned on Stac an Armin in 1727, it tantalised with its lack of detail. A party of fowling went out to harvest gannets, feathers and eggs, and no boat came to take them home again. What did they suppose had happened? What explanations crossed their minds? How did they cope? I thought I knew where I meant to take the story, but as usual the joy came in finding out as I went along. The novel is more guesswork than history, but the fact those men, those boys genuinely existed, certainly upped the ante. Crossings to St Kilda are rough and rarely made. But this one, I hope, is well worth making."



Geraldine McCaughrean is one of today's most successful and highly regarded children's authors. She has won the Carnegie Medal, the Whitbread Children's Book Award (three times), the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize, the Smarties Bronze Award (four times) and the Blue Peter Book of the Year Award. In 2005 she was chosen from over 100 other authors to write the official sequel to J. M. Barrie's *Peter Pan*. *Peter Pan in Scarlet* was published in 2006 to wide critical acclaim.

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