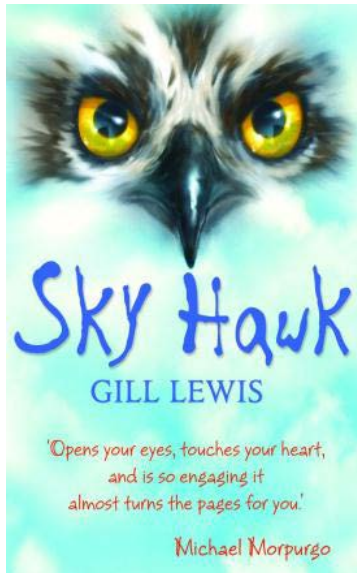


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## SKY HAWK

Written by GILL LEWIS

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**Michael Morpurgo**

### About the story

When Callum follows Iona up into the hills of his Scottish farm late one snowy evening, he discovers the wild osprey nesting above the dark waters of the loch. A deep bond of friendship forms between the two, and they make a promise to keep the endangered birds secret and safe from harm.

But when Callum discovers that one of the ospreys is in danger following a difficult migration south, he feels powerless. Driven by a promise he is unwilling to break, he enlists the help of friends, family and even strangers on the other side of the world.

From the glittering lochs of Scotland to the mangrove swamps of the Gambia, *Sky Hawk* is an enthralling tale about a promise that will change lives forever, and the power of friendship, loyalty, and hope.

*'An edge-of-your-seat wildlife adventure that tells a very human story of friendship, discovery and an incredible journey. I loved it!' – Kate Humble, BBC TV presenter and RSPB president*

*'Something about Sky Hawk caught my attention from the second it hit my in-box – that afternoon, as I both smiled and wept at my desk, I knew that this was a book we had to have on our list. Fitting perfectly into the classic OUP tradition of titles such as Tom's Midnight Garden, The Eagle of the Ninth and Pippi Longstocking, this is a book which will touch the hearts of all who read it.'*

**– Liz Cross, Children's Publisher, Oxford University Press**

# Press Release

**Gill Lewis** won the 'most promising writer' prize on the Bath Spa University MA in writing for Young People in 2009. With a two-book deal secured within 24 hours of *Sky Hawk* being offered to publishers, excitement surrounding her debut is fast-growing, with rights already sold in 18 countries worldwide.

Gill was discovered force-feeding bread to a sick hedgehog under the rose bushes before she could even walk. As Gill grew so too did her passion for wild animals, and for even wilder places, and she worked as a vet, travelling from the Arctic to Africa. The African landscape, its wildlife and its people were hugely inspirational to her, and feature in much of her writing today.

Gill now lives in Somerset with her husband, their three girls, and a motley crew of pets.

