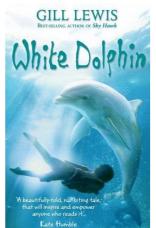


## WHITE DOLPHIN Gill Lewis

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When they first meet, Kara and Felix take an instant dislike to each other. But on discovering an injured dolphin calf stranded on a beach near their town in Cornwall, they know they must work together in order to save it.

Realising that they have more in common than they first suspected, Kara and Felix become friends. The pair set out to find out the truth behind the mysterious disappearance of Kara's marine biologist mother, and to protect the nearby reef from destruction. However, the odds are stacked against them and there are many powerful people who don't want them to succeed.

An uplifting, emotionally powerful and gripping story from the first page to the last, *White Dolphin* is a tale of friendship, courage and hope.

'A beautifully-told, nail-biting tale that will inspire and empower anyone who reads it'

Kate Humble, BBC TV presenter and RSPB president

'A wonderful story. Utterly captivating. The interplay with the natural world is magical' Nicholas Crane, presenter of BBC TV's Coast

'An emotional, meaningful book' 'A heart-touching story' 'A book to keep for life'

**Gill Lewis** has always had a passion for wild animals - she was discovered force-feeding bread to a sick hedgehog under the rose bushes before she could even walk. After realising her childhood dream of becoming a vet, Gill worked both at home and abroad, travelling from Cornwall to the Arctic and Africa.

Gill completed an MA in Writing for Young People in 2009, and won the award for most promising writer on the course. Her debut novel, *Sky Hawk*, was released in 2011 and was greeted with glowing praise. So far, it has been nominated for 19 awards including the Waterstones Children's Book Prize, the Red House Book Award and the Carnegie Medal.

Gill lives in Somerset with her husband, their three girls, and a motley crew of pets. *White Dolphin* is her second book.



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'Like the author's debut, this wonderfully written and unforgettable novel will pull at the heart-strings'

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'A beautiful read with a fast paced plot and ends with an uplifting message of environmental survival and hope'

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'An addictive page-turner' *Bliss Magazine* 

'Exciting yet sensitive, tender and thought-provoking...a carefully-crafted tale of nature, friendship and the importance of protecting our environment'

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