

# Cathy McSporran



Cathy McSporran is the author of three novels: *The Few* and *The Black Dog* (both part of the *War Witches* series, published by Sparsile Books), and *Cold City* (published by Freight). Her short fiction has appeared in a wide range of magazines and anthologies such as *Msllexia*, *Chapman*, *Nerve*, *Eclogia* and *From Glasgow to Saturn*. She has been shortlisted for the Macallan/Scotland on Sunday prize, and was awarded the Constable Award by the Scottish Association of Writers.

She has a PhD from Glasgow University's School of Creative Writing, and teaches classes in creative writing and poetry in Glasgow's Short Courses department. She has 25 years' experience of running writing workshops and classes, including:

- Bringing out the writer inside. On the basis that everyone is already a writer – of texts, essays and stories – this session encourages everyone to get started as an author.
- Writing short stories. How to create stories that grab the reader's attention from the word go.
- Writing a novel: planning, getting started, and completing your novel
- Poetry for beginners: or, how to write poetry even if you think you can't.
- Drama for the screen, stage or radio
- Getting published: approaching publishers and agents.

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### Praise for the *War Witches* series:

- ***A gripping wartime tale which is less about arms and strategy, and more covens and magic.*** - *The Herald*
- ***A ripping WW2 fantasy that combines high-stakes world peril with emotional strength and subtlety. I loved it.*** - Gillian Philip, author of *Bad Faith* and the *Rebel Angels* series
- ***Exciting, intense and original*** - David Belbin, author of *Love Lessons*, *Festival* and *The Last Virgin*

### Praise for *Cold City*:

- ***An utterly absorbing and captivating debut. The scope of McSporran's vision is exhilarating, moving between psychiatric ward and chilling alternate reality. Cold City rises above genre classification, delivering drama, emotional depth and existential enquiry. A remarkable achievement.*** - Vicki Jarrett, author of *Nothing is Heavy*
- ***A captivating mystery which introduces you to a major new voice in women's literary fiction*** - *The Skinny*