



Scottish Poets and Poetry

Andrew Greig

Andrew Greig was born in Bannockburn in September, 1951, although raised in the Fife town of Anstruther and educated at the University of Edinburgh

Andrew Greig is both a poet and a novelist. He has published six volumes of poetry (*Bloodaxe*) and four novels, the most recent of which, *That Summer*, brought him to a wide readership. He lives in Orkney for the big sky and social life and Sheffield for his wife the writer Leslie Glaister. Among other things, he is known as the unofficial poet laureate of the mountaineering community and a love of the land characterises much of his work.

Greig's his first book was the poetry collection *White Boats* — and literary fiction — *In Another Light* won the Saltire Society prize in 2004. He has also had success with mountaineering titles, like *Summit Fever* and the mountain poetry collections *Men on Ice* and *Surviving Passages*, and, in 1996, *The Return of John McNab* was short listed for the Romantic Novelists' Association Award.

