## Secret Edinburgh Launch – Blackwells South Bridge – Thursday 2nd June 2016

Part of the Secret City series, Hannah Robinson introduced her new title, Secret Edinburgh, at Blackwell's South Bridge last Thursday. The filmmaker and screenwriter gave us her insight to Edinburgh, selling copies of the new title, quizzing us on visual aspects of the city that I certainly was not aware of.

Informing her audience that it took two years of research and work before its publication date, Robinson introduces the crowd to places such as St Bernard's Well and the Aerotone in Portobello Baths as well as the Evolution of Leith sculptures. Contentiously hinting that the story of Greyfriars Bobby is actually a bit of a scam, she mentioned that she is always on the lookout for more ideas and information on other people's "Edinburghs". She makes it clear that this publication is her exploration of this city, and is keen to find out about the city from other perspectives.

Robinson talks about some of the inclusions in this city guide, "The Debenham's library is so unexpected and has a great story behind it, while the Living Memory Association is a wonderful community experience. I knew about the LMA because I had made an animation with them for the Disability History Society.

"My mum told me about the Museum's Collection Centre because she had given them a load of pottery (she's a potter who runs the pottery in St Margaret's House art studios) and the Debenham's Library I had stumbled across while clothes shopping and loved it."

Capturing her love of the capital this event inspired many to

buy her guide, as she clearly has a great fondness for Edinburgh and its hidden gems.

The book Secret Edinburgh is available to buy <u>here.</u>