Millie Gray's latest novel 'A Cut Above' published today

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Acclaimed Edinburgh author Millie Gray's latest novel, 'A Cut Above' is published today by Black and White Publishing.

Once again Millie brilliantly recreates the atmosphere of the era with all the hardships and struggles as well as the fun, warmth and humour of everyday life.

A Cut Above is a charming, heartbreaking and ultimately uplifting novel of enduring friendship and love, and the lengths that true friends will go to for each other.

It's 1962 and Freda Scott and her five schoolmates are eager to embark on their life journeys. Madly in love with the dashing but unattainable Ewan, Freda instead throws herself into a hairdressing career, and soon she and her best friend Robin have established their own flourishing business. The future looks rosy, until Freda's life is turned upside down by a brutal attack.

As Freda struggles to come to terms with what has happened to her, she relies on her old friends more than ever. Dear Robin and Freda's ever-faithful friend Hannah come to her rescue, and Freda accepts the new path her life has taken. However, a chance meeting with her old love Ewan brings a potentially life-changing dilemma. Does Freda dare to finally put herself and her own desires first? Or should she simply accept her lot in life? The consequences of her decision could change all of their lives forever.

Remarkably, Millie who recently earned a prestigious award in West Lothian for inspiring people with mental health problems to engage with the arts, only wrote her first book at the age of 75.

Local company Black and White Publishing quickly spotted her talent and since then, Millie has written one book each year, to the delight of her growing army of fans throughout the world.

Millie's books so far include : In a class of their own, In a league of their own, Crystal's Song, Eighteen Couper Street, The Tangling of the web, When sorry is not enough, Silver Linings and Moving On.