

The Hugh Miller Writing Competition 2019-2020

Under 18 Poetry 2nd Prize Spey Bay Through The Seasons: Adela Margallo

The Hugh Miller Writing Competition carries the name of one of Scotland's most endearing geologists, Hugh Miller (1802-1856), and aims to honour his legacy by inspiring new, original prose and poetry on the theme of Scotland's geoh heritage. The competition is organised by the Scottish Geodiversity Forum and The Friends of Hugh Miller.

Further details of the competition, and all the winning entries, are available at www.scottishgeology.com/hughmiller/

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Spey Bay Through the Seasons

Where in Summer

Otters dive deep into the river's rich clear waters

For fish

And seals sunbathe on

The sea's rocky shore.

Where in Autumn

Gold and bronze leaves

Cover the forest floor like a carpet of sunbeams

And creatures hide in their

Hidy-holes preparing for the long months ahead.

Where in Winter

Silver frost patterns cover the floor

And fairies dance at midnight

Under the starry night sky

Where in Spring

Everything awakens from its winter sleep

And blooms to life,

And dolphins leap over

Silvery-tipped waves in the moonlight.

Spey Bay is where I like to be best.

So, every once in a while,

I put on my boots and jacket

And walk with my family

While I watch my sister take photos of everything in her path,

My dad tries to give my mum a fright,
My puppy jumps headfirst into the river,
And my mum calling frantically for my puppy to come back.

By Adela Margallo