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Dear Alex Ogilvie -

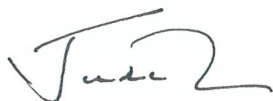
This is a brief but very sincere note of thanks to the Highland Society of London, and to you, for hosting the Ceilidh Place dinner during the Ullapool Book Festival. It felt a real honour to have been included in the Highland Book Prize's 2018 short list, and that feeling remains. I was glad to be able to speak to you, and was greatly cheered by your kind words about the book.

It was a pleasure to take part in the book prize sessions, and interesting to observe my fellow nominees in action, but mainly it was great to be part of a beautifully-organised event with real warmth at its heart.

I knew Ullapool a bit, already (well, the chip shop, mainly, en route to Assynt!) but I enjoyed spending more time in the village, drifting round the bookshops and galleries, as well as dropping into UBF sessions.

All of these opportunities flowed from the Highland Society of London's instigating the book prize, and so it feels the more important to say thank you, very much indeed.

Yours sincerely



Judith Ross Napier