



SHORTLISTED: Vicky Dawson of Yeadon's of Elgin. The shop took top Scots slot but just missed out on the national title. Photograph: Gordon Lennox

Elgin book shop crowned top Scottish outlet

AUTHOR PRESENTS AWARD BUT DISAPPOINTMENT AT MISSING OUT ON NATIONAL TITLE

STAFF at an Elgin bookshop were yesterday presented with an award after being crowned Scottish Independent Bookshop of the Year.

Yeadon's of Elgin was also shortlisted for the national Independent Book Shop of the Year 2009 title but missed out on it to the Hungerford Bookshop in Berkshire at the British Book Industry Con-

ference in Cambridge last night.

Retail director Vicky Dawson said: "I am disappointed but we have done very well."

She added she was delighted for the winner, Alex Milne, who used to work for her as an assistant manager in Waterstone's in Leicester.

The shop, which was saved

from bankruptcy in 2007 by independent publisher Birlinn, last month won the Scottish regional award and was up against four other bookshops in the UK for the national title.

The shop has been trading since 1887 and is one of Scotland's oldest continuously trading bookshops.

It has been located at El-

gin's Commerce Street since 1932 and also has a sister shop at Banchory.

Skye-based author Roger Hutchinson was yesterday at the store to present the regional certificate to staff.

His book, *Calum's Road*, has sold 50,000 copies, making him one of the top three best-selling Scottish authors of the last few years, after Ian

Rankin and Sandy McCall Smith.

Calum's Road became Radio 4's book of the year and has been put forward as an option for a Hollywood film.

Ms Dawson, said: "Roger was humbled to be asked to come over to present our regional certificate but it's us who were honoured."