

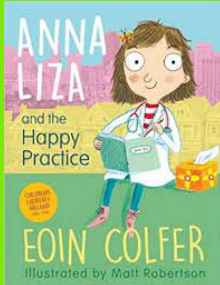
# Kerry Library Classroom Novels Collection #DiscoverIrishKidsBooks

The aim of Discover Irish Children's Books is to highlight and celebrate Irish children's books. Ireland is a country that produces some of the best writers in the world and we have some incredible children's authors and illustrators living on this island.

Here in Kerry Library we have put together this collection of Irish Children's Books that are ideal for use in your classroom.

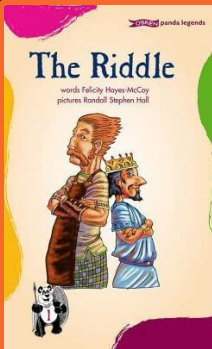
## How to use the collection

- Register for a Teacher's account at your local library. A Teacher's account is registered under the teacher's name but is separate from a teacher's personal library membership account.
- One set of classroom novels (a class set) may be borrowed at a time for a maximum of 50 days.
- A standard class set contains 30 copies of a title. Some sets may have fewer copies available.
- To check the availability of a class set visit [www.kerrylibrary.ie](http://www.kerrylibrary.ie)



## **Anna Liza And the Happy Practice** *by Eoin Colfer*

Anna Liza likes to help cheer up her mother's psychiatric patients with her 17 top knock-knock jokes and cheerful songs, but when she meets Edward, she hits a brick wall. Edward's dad is so sad since his mum left; he says his life isn't going anywhere any more. Anna Liza has a plan to get him on the move again, if only she can manage to evade her mother's attention long enough.



## **The Riddle** *by Felicity Hayes McCoy, illustrated by Randall Stephen Hall*

The Goban Saor is the best craftsman in the whole world. But he is in big trouble. He must use his secret weapon: a special riddle. Will it save him from the King of Greece? An old story nicely retold for a new generation, with attractive illustrations.



## **The shop of impossible ice creams** *by Shane Hegarty, illustrated by Jeff Crowther*

Limpet's mum is opening an ice-cream shop, full of her favourite new flavours: mushroom and tuna ice cream? Roast parsnip and gravy? Limpet's not sure about this. He likes a nice, safe life. His favourite ice-cream flavour is vanilla. But when wicked Mr Fluffy arrives with his Mega Emporium of Amazing and Spectacular Ice Creams, Limpet knows he's got to fight back.



## **Guzzler's Party: Learn how to save energy** *by Lucinda Jacob, illustrated by Alan Nolan*

Alina shows how you can reduce energy, while Guzzlers prepares for the energy party. The book show lots of actions that the children can take to reduce their energy, giving them practical ways to take climate action and inspire them from a young age.



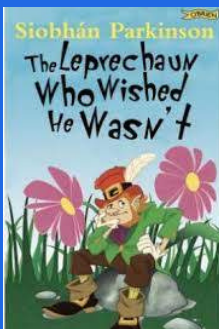
## **Izzy's Magical Football Adventure** *by Emma Larkin*

Izzy is a seven-year-old girl who lives in Ireland and loves all sport, especially Gaelic Football. One day, Izzy puts on her great grandmother's bracelet, which is made of old All Ireland medals that her great grandmother won a long time ago, and something unexpected and magical happens, which may make Izzy's Croke Park dream a reality sooner than she expected...



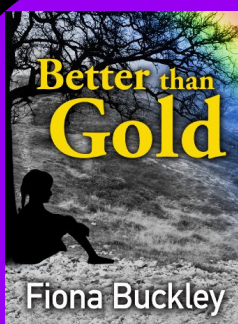
## **The Evil Hairdo** *by Oisín McGann*

'It started with my favourite girlband WitchCraft. They could sing and dance. And I wanted the WitchCraft hairdo more than anything else in the world'. But then I got it, and that's when the trouble started. She soon realises that her hair is evil and has a mind of its own. From cutting up all her Mum's clothes to summoning a plague of rats, Melanie's hair tries to destroy her life.



## **The Leprechaun Who Wished He Wasn't** *by Siobhan Parkinson,* *illustrated by Donald Teskey*

Laurence is a leprechaun who has been small for 1100 years and is sick of it! He wants to be tall. Then he meet Phoebe, a large girl who wants to be small. When she invites him to live in her house, Laurence is delighted. He starts wearing jeans and denim jackets and gets rid of the pointy hat. But there is one thing about leprechauns that you can't change - they are always up to mischief.



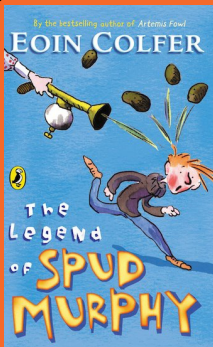
## **Better Than Gold** *by Fiona Buckley*

Fiona Buckley wrote this book on her summer holidays at age 12yrs. It's 1845 in Ireland and Mary, a typical young girl is devastated when her world is turned up-side-down by the potato blight. Mary is forced to work and make ends meet but the family are split up, all going to different workhouses for food and shelter. Mary longs to reunite her family ....Their only hope? Granda's gold...



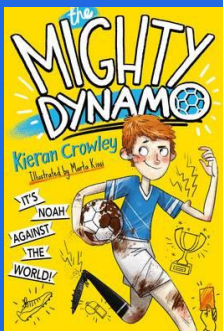
## **The Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth** *by Eoin Colfer*

Will's brother Marty is always playing practical jokes. But when he tells the bloodcurdling story of the cutthroat pirate Captain Crow, Will is terrified. Is it another one of Marty's tricks, or could Captain Crow's ghost really be out to get him?



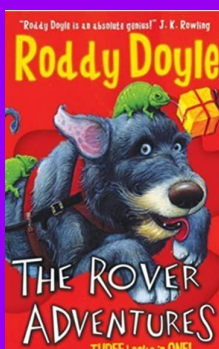
## **The Legend of Spud Murphy** *by Eoin Colfer*

Will has four brothers and it's chaos in his house! His mother has the brilliant idea of packing Will and Marty off to the library during the holidays! Not only is the library no fun, it's also the habitat of the legendary librarian Spud Murphy. If you put a foot wrong, it's rumoured she will use her dreaded gas-powered spud gun. Eventually Will and Marty discover a love of books and that Mrs Murphy isn't so bad after all!



## **The Mighty Dynamo** *by Kieran Mark Crowley*

Noah's dream is to become a professional footballer and the School's World Cup qualifying tournament might just be his ticket to getting signed up. He's definitely the best player in school but when he's banned from the team for a fight he didn't start, all Noah's dreams come crashing down. With the help of his best friend Stevie Noah is determined to make it - even if that does mean playing for St Mary's School for Girls!



## **The Rover Adventures** *by Roddy Doyle*

This edition includes The Giggler Treatment, Rover Saves Christmas and The Meanwhile Adventures. Join Rover the wonder-dog and the eccentric but lovable Mack family as they get into one madcap adventure after the other! The poo is about to hit the shoe. Riotously funny and packed full of bizarre humour and imagination.





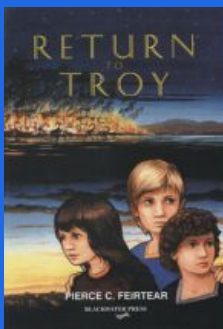
## **The Light Thieves** *by Helena Duggan*

The earth has shifted on its axis and a mysterious dark mark has appeared on the sun - the whole world is in peril! But billionaire tech genius Howard Hansom has a plan. When Grian's sister goes missing he's convinced she has run off to Hansom's new city to help save the world. But when Grian and his two friends Jeffrey and Shelli track her there they find that nothing is quite as it seems.



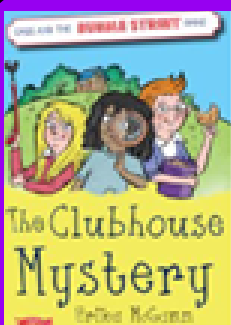
## **Brush: A tale of two foxes** *by Pierce Feiritear, illustrated by Conor O'Brien*

An action adventure set in winter, starring two hungry young foxes called Misty and Ash. They are two young foxes, and they're determined to get food for their family. But they also have to out-fox an ugly hound called Raptor, and his nasty scheming owners, the MacLugs. Can they do it? Fast, furious and warmly humorous, everyone will enjoy this tale.



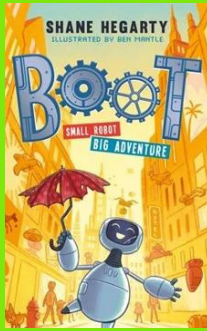
## **Return to Troy** *by Pierce C. Feiritear*

The war in Troy has been raging for ten long years. Areon, Nesa and Osban can no longer remember the world outside the Great Wall. When an opportunity arises to explore this forgotten world they decide to take it. It is a decision they may regret for a long time to come. The world outside this is a world of deadly danger. Once they have set foot there.....they may never Return to Troy.



## **The Clubhouse Mystery** *by Erika McGann, illustrated by Vince Reid*

This is the first in a new series of Cass and the Bubble Street Gang books. Do you want to know a secret? Well, I can't tell you. So begins The Clubhouse Mystery, a lively and funny book centred around Cass and her friends. Together they comprise the Bubble Street Gang, When mini muffins begin to disappear from their secret clubhouse, the gang set about discovering who, exactly, has been invading their private hideaway.



## **Boot**

*by Shane Hegarty, illustrated by Ben Mantle*

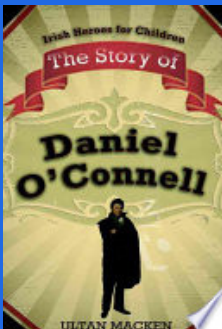
When toy robot, Boot, wakes up at a scrapyards, it has no idea how it got there and why it isn't with its owner, Beth. It only has two and a half glitchy memories, but it knows it was loved, which means something important to humans. Luckily Boot meets Noke and Boot. It is determined to find Beth and the gang set off on a dangerous adventure.



## **Climate SOS**

*by Lucinda Jacob, illustrated by Alan Nolan*

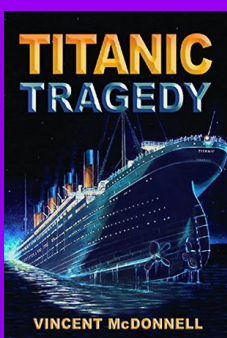
The Super Energy Activists Ireland are four kids (and one dog) who are Super Focused on finding out about sustainable energy and Super Energised about protecting the environment. Unfortunately their arch-nemesis Max Siphon and his gullible sidekick Guzzler seem to be Super Set on being Super Wasteful! Can SEAI kids foil Max's odious energy wasting plans? This book is devised and published by Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI).



## **The Story of Daniel O'Connell**

*by Ultan Macken*

If you look back over Irish history, you will probably find no other person who made such an impact as O'Connell. At a time when the people were downtrodden he raised them and showed them how to defeat their conquerors. O'Connell is one of the most significant of Irish politicians. Long given a secondary role in the story of Irish freedom, this short biography will open up this fascinating figure to younger readers.



## **Titanic Tragedy**

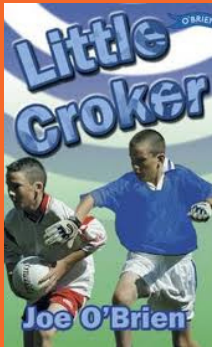
*by Vincent McDonnell*

Since it sank on a cold April night in 1912 the Titanic has held a special mystery and fascination. This book explains this most famous sea tragedy to young readers. The description of the voyage from Europe to the USA, the collision with the iceberg, and the sinking, focus on the passengers and crew, survivors and doomed alike. The rescue efforts and aftermath of the tragedy, and the finding of the wreck in the 1980s, are also included.



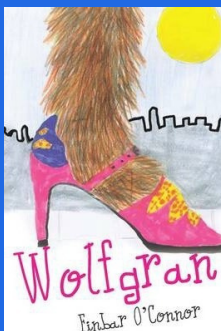
## **The Easter Rising 1916- Molly's Diary** *by Patricia Murphy*

Easter 1916. The Great War rages in Europe with two hundred thousand Irishmen fighting in the British Army. But a small group of Irish nationalists refuse to fight for Britain and strike a blow for Irish freedom. Caught up in the action in Dublin, is twelve-year-old Molly O'Donovan. Her own family is plunged into danger on both sides of the conflict. This is her diary.



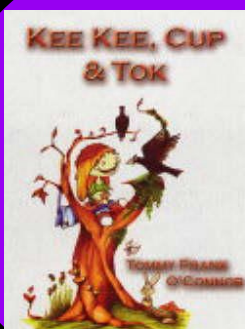
## **Little Croker** *by Joe O'Brien*

Danny Wilde wants one thing more than anything else in the world and that's to get his GAA team, Littlestown Crokes, to the top of the League. Things go wrong, when Danny stays with his horrible uncle and aunt, who know nothing about GAA, can the Crokes can make it after all? Danny comes up with a brilliant plan, but needs a whole lot of help to make it work!



## **Wolfgran** *by Finbar O'Connor, illustrated Martin Fagan*

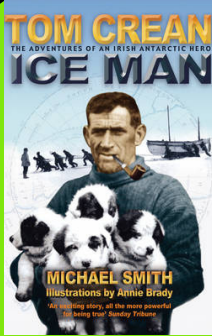
A sequel to the story of Little Red Riding Hood, Wolfgran is a wonderfully irreverent take on the world of fairy tales. Granny has sold her house to the three little pigs and moved into the Happy- Ever-After Home for Retirement Characters from Fairy Tales. But the Big Bad Wolf is still on her trail! Hot on his case are Chief Inspector Plonker and Sergeant Snoop. Will they get to the Wolf before he gets to Granny?



## **Kee Kee, Cup & Tok: a novel for children** *by Tommy Frank O'Connor, illustrated by Louise Dunne*

Written by Kerry author, Tommy Frank O'Connor, this is a wonderful story about a small orphan girl, her two bird friends, and their fight to save the forest. Her fight changes her life and the lives of others more than she could ever have imagined.





## **Tom Crean-Ice Man: The Adventures of an Irish Antarctic Hero** *by Michael Smith*

Tom Crean was no ordinary man, and his chilling adventures in the Antarctic raise goosebumps in this stirring story of survival in extraordinary conditions. Written by Crean's biographer, this is a boy's own story of courage, strength and determination sure to thrill any young reader.



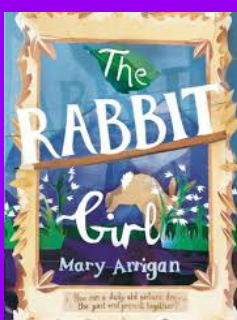
## **Shackleton: The Boss** *by Michael Smith*

At sixteen, Irishman Ernest Shackleton left school, joined the navy and became a legendary explorer. Here, for the first time, a best-selling author on Polar exploration writes about Shackleton's gripping exploits especially for children. This inspiring story of Shackleton, whose men called him 'The Boss', involves four expeditions to the snow and ice of Antarctica over 20 years between 1901 and 1922.



## **Listowel: The Writer's Revenge** *by Mario Corrigan; illustrated by David Butler*

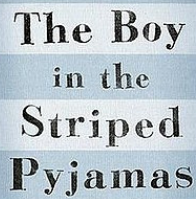
A mysterious circus is coming for the Writers' Week Festival, but something evil is coming in its wake. JayDogg, RosieRed and RayGunn find themselves in a desperate battle to save their town and the life they hold dear. This novel was written with children from local schools - Scoil Réalta na Maidine, Knockanure N.S. and Dromclough N.S.



## **The Rabbit Girl** *by Mary Arrigan*

What is the secret of Mallie's picture? The mystery unfolds as evacuees Tony and Alice escape the terrors of London's Blitz for the Lake District, where they befriend a fascinating and fearless old lady. Many years later, an after-school job in a pet shop enables well-meaning Mallie to buy her mum a drawing of a girl with a rabbit. Could this old picture bring past and present together - and change Mallie's life?



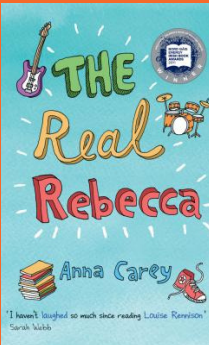


## The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

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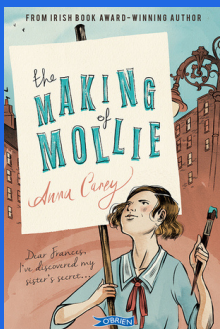
### **The Boy In The Striped Pyjamas** *by John Boyne*

Nine-year-old Bruno knows nothing of the Final Solution and the Holocaust. Until he meets Shmuel, a boy who lives a strange parallel existence on the other side of the adjoining wire fence and who, like the other people there, wears a uniform of striped pyjamas. Bruno's friendship with Shmuel will take him from innocence to revelation.



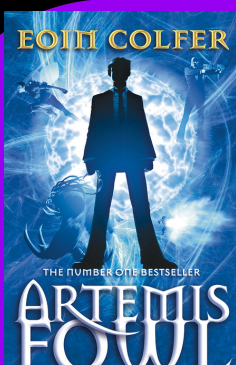
### **The Real Rebecca** *by Anna Carey*

Rebecca's mum Rosie writes books for adults, but when she writes a novel for teens, everyone thinks it's based on her daughter! Rebecca is horrified and vows to prove that she is different. But how will she show the world the real Rebecca?



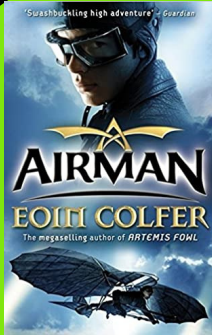
### **The Making of Mollie** *by Anna Carey*

It's spring 1912, and 14-year-old Mollie Carberry lives in Drumcondra. Mollie's convinced that her life is boring - until she discovers that her sister Phyllis is a secret suffragette. After attending a suffrage meeting, Mollie wants to do something for the movement too - and she soon convinces her best friend Nora to join her. At last, they have some excitement in their lives!



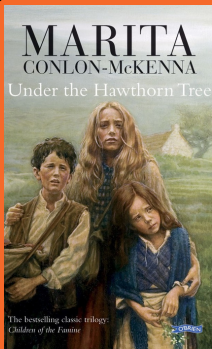
### **Artemis Fowl** *by Eoin Colfer*

Join the world of "Artemis Fowl". Rumour has it Artemis Fowl is responsible for every major crime of the new century. Just twelve years old and already he's a criminal genius, plotting to restore his family's fortune with a spot of corruption and kidnapping. Kidnapping a fairy for ransom, to be precise.



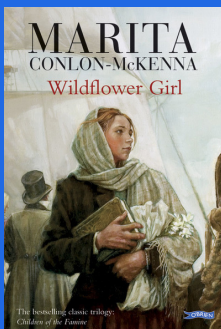
## **Airman** *by Eoin Colfer*

One dark night on the island of Great Saltee, fourteen-year-old Conor is framed for a terrible crime he didn't commit. Thrown into prison Conor is trapped in a sea swept dungeon and branded a traitor. To escape and clear his name, Conor knows there is only one way out. It's an impossible task, which has never been done before. But Conor is determined to do it. He'll have to fly.



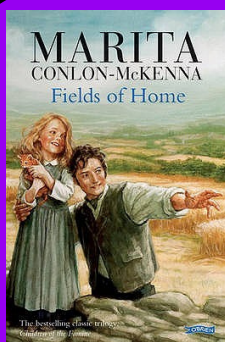
## **Under the Hawthorn Tree** *by Marita Conlon McKenna, illustrated by Donald Teskey*

Ireland in the 1840s is devastated by famine. When tragedy strikes their family, Eily, Michael and Peggy are left to fend for themselves. Starving and in danger of the dreaded workhouse, they escape. Their one hope is to find the great aunts they have heard about in their mother's stories.



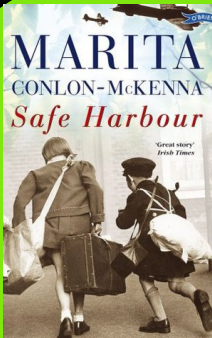
## **Wildflower Girl** *by Marita Conlon McKenna, illustrated by Donald Teskey*

This is the second book in the famine trilogy. At seven, Peggy made a terrifying journey through famine-stricken Ireland. Now thirteen, and determined to make a new life for herself, she sets off alone across the Atlantic to America. Will she ever see her family again? It is an extraordinary story of courage, independence and adventure.



## **Fields of Home** *by Marita Conlon McKenna, illustrated by Donald Teskey*

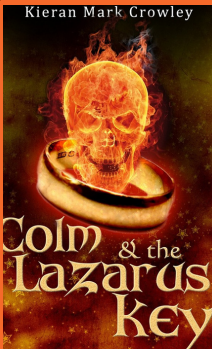
This is the final book in the famine trilogy. For Eily, Michael and Peggy the memory of the famine is still strong. What kind of future is it? Ireland is in turmoil, with evictions, burnings, secret meetings, fights over land. Eily and her family may be thrown off their farm. Michael may lose his job in the big house. And Peggy, in America, feels trapped in her role as a maid. Will they ever have land and a home they can call their own?



## Safe Harbour

by *Marita Conlon McKenna*

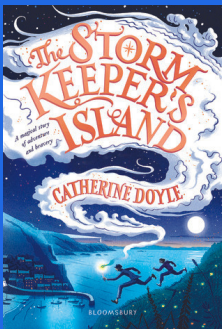
Sophie and Hugh are left homeless when their house is bombed during the London Blitz. Their mother is seriously injured and their Dad is away fighting, so the children are sent to their grandfather in Ireland. Sophie is scared - they have never met grandfather but his letters cause such trouble in the house, and their Dad never speaks of him. How will they live in a strange country and will the family ever be together again?



## Colm and the Lazarus Key

by *Kieran Mark Crowley*

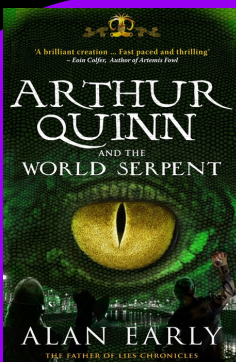
Colm thinks that spending time with his cousin is the worst thing that can happen to him this summer. While driving The Brute home, Colm and his parents stop for the night at a quiet, old hotel. The Brute falls in love with the mysterious American granddaughter of their hotel owner. When strange things begin to happen, Colm finds himself in the middle of a baffling and exciting adventure.



## The Storm Keepers Island

by *Catherine Doyle*

Fionn Boyle and his older sister Tara have been sent to stay with their grandfather on the remote island of Arranmore for the summer. But an old magic is stirring deep inside the layers of Arranmore, and it is calling out to Fionn. A dark storm is coming, through time and over sea, the same storm that took his father twelve years ago.

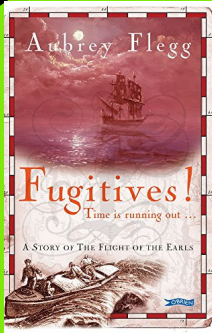


## Arthur Quinn and the World Serpent

by *Alan Early*

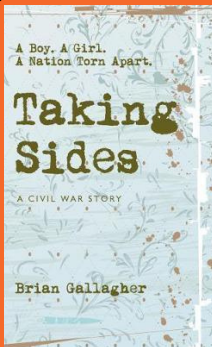
Something wicked has awoken under the streets of Dublin ...When his dad is offered a job working on the new Metro tunnel. While exploring a hidden underground river, Arthur and his new friends Will and Ash find a mysterious glowing pendant. The pendant depicts a giant snake strangling the trunk of a tree. The friends soon figure out that the pendant is a warning, a sign that something evil is waiting underneath the city.





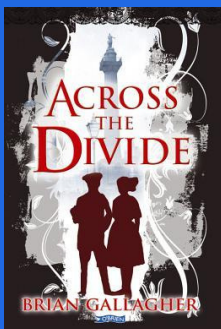
## **Fugitives: A Story of the Flight of the Earls** *by Aubrey Flegg*

When young Con disappears, the others must find him - and quickly. His father Hugh O'Neill, the great Ulster chieftain, is about to depart, forever. The Irish have lost at the Battle of Kinsale, and now there is nothing left for them in their own land. Hugh's son is in great danger. Will they manage to get him to Lough Swilly in time for the escape boat to France? The Great Hugh O'Neill is waiting anxiously ...Based on true facts from the 1600s.



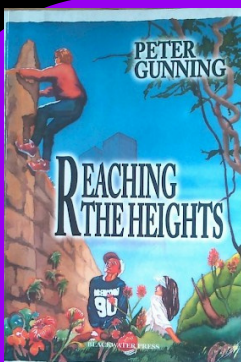
## **Taking Sides** *by Brian Gallagher*

Dublin, 1922. Working class Annie Reilly is thrilled to win a scholarship to Eccles Street School. Through a classmate she meets Peter Scanlon, a student in Belvedere College. Peter sides with the rebels in the Civil War and carries messages for them. When Annie's life is threatened, he has to decide where his loyalties lie.



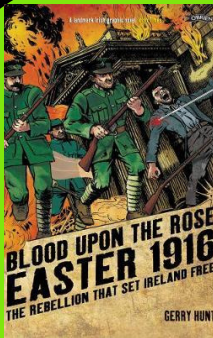
## **Across the Divide** *by Brian Gallagher*

Liam and Nora's friendship is challenged and their loyalties torn. Caught up in events that they don't fully understand, the two come face to face with hardship and danger, but also find generosity as they set out on an adventure that may make or break their friendship, but will definitely change their lives forever. The historical events of the Dublin 1913 Lockout are vividly portrayed through the lives of two young friends.



## **Reaching the Heights** *by Peter Gunning*

Tosh and Naylor live in the notorious 'McGillicuddy Heights' where growing up fast is a necessity for survival. Their school friend Aisling is from the more fashionable side of town but when her family begins to spilt up, Aisling too must develop survival techniques of her own.



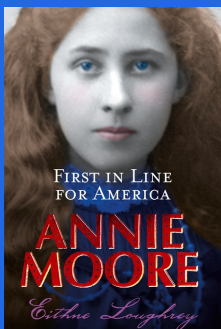
## **Blood Upon The Rose: Easter 1916** *by Gerry Hunt*

The rebellion that set Ireland free, told as a graphic novel. The 1916 Easter Rising was an attempt by a small group of militant Irish republicans to win independence from Britain. It was the most significant rebellion in Ireland. Though a military failure, it set Ireland on the road to freedom from Britain. The book covers the story from the early planning to the final executions and includes the tragic romance between Joseph Plunkett and Grace Gifford.



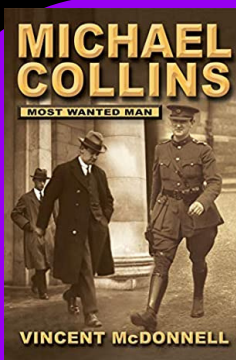
## **Twin Power: Throw In!** *by Emma Larkin*

Twins, Aoife and Aidan Power, along with their four best friends love playing Gaelic football. Parish rivalries re-surface and threaten to get out of hand as the children of Droichead Beag National School fight tooth and nail to get their hands on the coveted first ever Star Schools Cup.



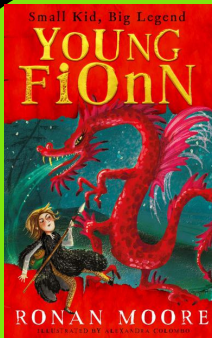
## **Annie Moore: First In Line For America** *by Eithne Loughrey*

Cork girl Annie Moore emigrated to the USA from Queenstown in December 1891. Sculptures of her now stand outside the Cobh Heritage Centre in County Cork and in the Ellis Island Museum in New York, because she was the first emigrant of any nationality to pass through the new immigrant station at Ellis Island on 1 January 1892. Annie and her brothers were soon reunited with their parents, who were already settled in New York.



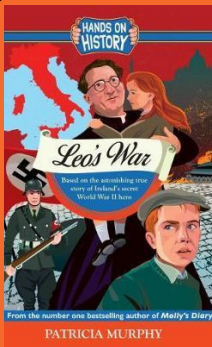
## **Michael Collins: Most Wanted Man** *by Vincent McDonnell*

Michael Collins is one of the most famous figures in Irish history. A farmer's son from West Cork, he became the most wanted man in the British Empire, a minister in the first Irish government and Commander-in-Chief of the Irish army. Action-packed and full of information, this new biography for young readers follows Michael throughout his life.



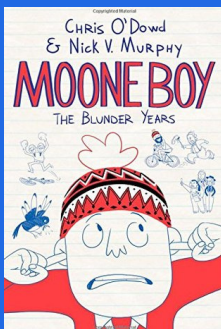
## **Young Fionn: Small Kid, Big Legend** *by Ronan Moore*

He is Ireland's most famous warrior, a legendary figure who has enchanted children for millennia. But who really was Fionn Mac Cumhail? And what was he like when he was a child? In this wonderful, modern retelling of an ancient tale, based on a 12th-century manuscript, Ronan Moore brings young Fionn to life in a series of wild adventures.



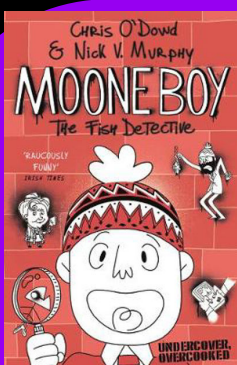
## **Leo's War: Italy 1843- 1844** *by Patricia Murphy*

It's 1943 and young Leo tries to protect his disabled sister Ruby as the Nazis invade Italy. After his mother is arrested, he turns to Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty to save them. But he is no ordinary priest. Known as 'The Pimpernel of the Vatican', he is the legendary organiser of the Rome Escape Line.



## **Moone Boy: The Blunder Years** *by Chris O'Dowd & Nick V. Murphy*

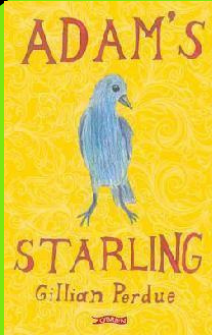
Martin Moone is fed up with being the only boy in a family of girls. With three elder sisters, he's desperate for a sidekick to help him fight his corner. When best mate Padraic suggests getting an imaginary friend, he decides to give it a go.



## **Moone Boy: The Fish Detective** *by Chris O'Dowd & Nick V. Murphy*

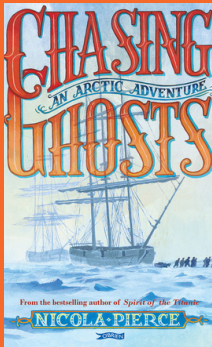
Martin's parents are strapped for cash: it's going to be a budget Christmas this year. So Martin plans to buy his own presents - and attempts, unsuccessfully, to get a job. Padraic puts in a word for him with his Auntie Bridget, who runs the local butcher's shop.





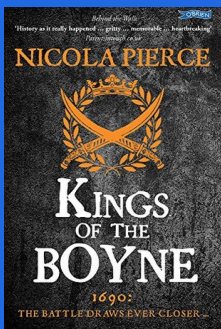
## **Adam's Starling** *by Gillian Perdue*

"Adam's Starling" tells the story of a nine year old boy who is finding life difficult. At home, no-one has any time for him. At school things are even worse - a gang of bullies has singled Adam out for punishment. Life is becoming increasingly difficult for Adam. But then a scruffy little starling comes into Adam's life. This is Adam's secret, his own special friend. But can Adam defend his small friend against the bullies? Will he find the courage he has needed all along?



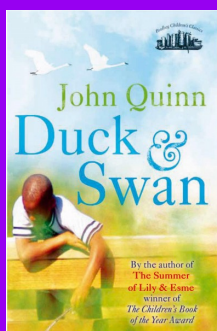
## **Chasing Ghosts: An Arctic adventure** *by Nicola Pierce*

An enthralling novel of two intertwining stories based on real events in 19th century Ireland and the Canadian Arctic. Two ships Arctic-bound, HMS Erebus and Terror, leave London in 1845, captained by the aging Sir John Franklin. How long they'll be gone depends on the ice.



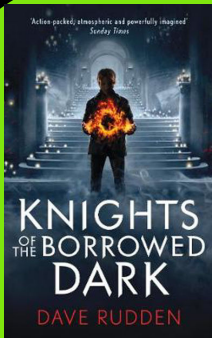
## **Kings of the Boyne** *by Nicola Pierce*

Eager to prove his courage and defend his family honour, young Irish noble Gerald O'Connor rides his warhorse Troy north in King James's cavalry. Brothers Robert and Daniel Sherrard march south with King William's army. The chosen field of battle - the Boyne - lies waiting, where victory will decide who rules the lands of England, and of Ireland.



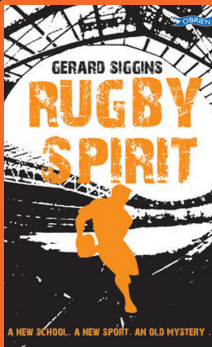
## **Duck and Swan** *by John Quinn*

When Martin "Duck" Oduki, abandoned in Dublin by a Nigerian father and Irish mother runs away from St. Mark's Care Centre, Emer Healy discovers him hiding on a school bus bound for Galway. Watching her sick mother's struggle to regain her health, Emer is also running from the pain and confusion she feels inside. It isn't long before the two children discover they need each other.



## **Knights of the Borrowed Dark** *by Dave Rudden*

Denizen Hardwick doesn't believe in magic - until he's ambushed by a monster created from shadows and sees it destroyed by a word made of sunlight. Now Denizen is about to discover that there's a world beyond the one he knows. Fortunately for humanity, between us and the shadows stand the Knights of the Borrowed Dark. Unfortunately for Denizen, he's one of them.



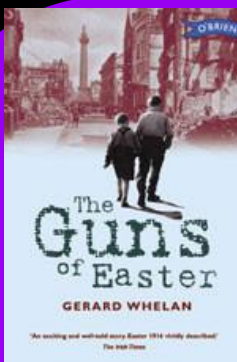
## **Rugby Spirit** *by Gerard Siggins*

He's just started a new school ... and a new sport. Everyone at school is mad about rugby, but Eoin hasn't even held a rugby ball before! With new rules to learn, new friends to make, he really doesn't need to have Richie Duffy, picking him out as his latest target! And just who is this guy, Brian, who looks so out-of-date, but gives great rugby advice?



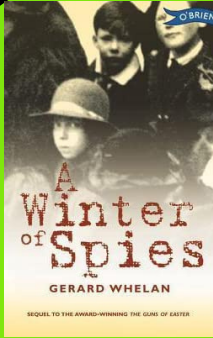
## **Hugh O'Flaherty: His Wartime Adventures** *by Alison Walsh*

Hugh O'Flaherty was an ordinary man who did extraordinary things. He was in Rome in 1939 when the Second World War broke out. From his safe base in the Vatican, he developed a network of contacts, including donors of money and food, to help escaped prisoners of war. But the work was very dangerous, especially when he ventured out in disguise.



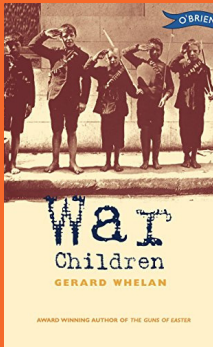
## **The Guns Of Easter** *by Gerard Whelan*

It is 1916 and Europe is at war. From the poverty of the Dublin slums twelve-year-old Jimmy Conway sees it all as glorious. The rebels occupy the General Post Office and other parts of the city. Jimmy crosses the city, weaving through the army patrols, hoping to make it home before curfew.



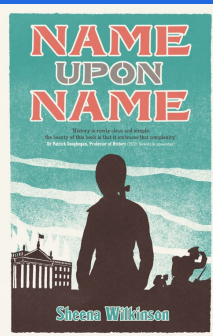
## **A Winter of Spies** *by Gerard Whelan*

This book tells the exciting story of Sarah and her family who are involved in the spying activities of Michael Collins during the War of Independence. Sarah, a young eleven-year-old, cannot figure out why her family is so neutral towards the war and why everybody is so secretive. A strong rebel herself, she wants to do her bit for Ireland. Then she finds out the terrible truth - and she too carries secrets which could cost her life.



## **War Children** *by Gerard Whelan*

Six stories - one set in Dublin, the others in the countryside - about children who get caught up in the War of Independence and suffer dire consequences. Mattie Foley dreams of escaping the harshness of life in the Dublin slums, but her dreams and reality become dangerously entwined with the discovery of a gun. When Stacia Mulligan sets off to get feed for the hens, she doesn't expect to become part of an ambush.



## **Name Upon Name** *by Sheena Wilkinson*

Belfast in 1916. Fourteen-year-old Helen is shaped by her mixed background - rural, Catholic Irish values from mum Kathleen; urban, Protestant Ulster ones from dad James. Her uncle Michael is deployed to Dublin to help quell the Rising, where he's expected to open fire on his fellow Irishmen. Who and what are they fighting for? The story of a young girl between the Easter Rising, the outbreak of World War 1 and a divided Ireland



## **The Dare** *by John Boyne*

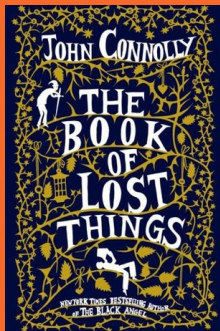
At the start of his school holidays, Danny Delaney is looking forward to a trouble-free summer. But he knows that something terrible has happened when his mother returns home one afternoon with two policemen. Mrs Delaney has hit a small boy with her car. The boy is in a coma and no one knows if he will wake up. Danny's mother closes herself off, full of guilt, while Danny and his father are left to pick up the pieces of their broken family.





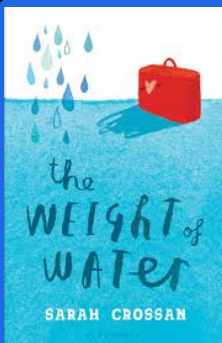
## **Alone It Stands: A Play** *by John Breen*

Alone It Stands tells the tale of Munster Rugby Team's legendary victory over New Zealand's mighty All Blacks in Thomond Park, Limerick in 1978. In the play six actors play 62 roles including the Munster team, the Kiwis, the two coaches, the ref, the crowd, the press, a pregnant woman, several children and a dog.



## **The Book of Lost Things** *by John Connolly*

'Once upon a time, there was a boy who lost his mother'. As twelve-year-old David takes refuge from his grief in the myths so beloved of his dead mother, he finds the real world and the fantasy world begin to blend. That is when bad things start to happen. That is when the Crooked Man comes. And David is violently propelled into a land populated by heroes, wolves and monsters, his quest to find the legendary Book of Lost Things.



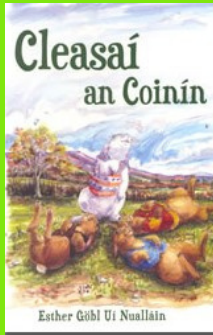
## **The Weight of Water** *by Sarah Crossan*

Life is lonely for Kasienska. She misses her old home in Poland and at her new English school friends are scarce. But when someone new swims into her life, Kasienska learns that there is more than one way to stay afloat. This stunning novel from multi-award-winning author Sarah Crossan explores how to pick up the pieces when everything you know is turned on its head and you have to start all over again.



## **Shadows on our Skin** *by Jennifer Johnston*

Inside his home in Derry, Joe Logan's life is ruled by his tormented father; outside, by the tension and violence of the Troubles. Joe finds solace and freedom in writing—a pursuit encouraged by Kathleen Doherty, a young teacher at a nearby school. In Kathleen, Joe has found a friend who understands him. But everything changes when his brother, Brendan, arrives home from London, newly energized to join the raging fray.



## **Cleasaí an Coinín** *le Esther Göbl Uí Nualláin*

Is coinín óg é Cleasaí atá fiosrach faoin domhan mór. Teastaíonn uaidh bualadh amach faoin saol féachaint cad iad na hiontais atá i ndán dó. Ach tá Mamaí Choinín agus Daidí Coinín imníoch faoi é a bheith ró-óg. Tá siad imníoch faoi na dainséir atá ann. Féach mar a tharlaíonn nuair a fhaigheann Cleasaí mian a chroí



## **Ó Am go hAm** *le Patricia Forde*

Tá chuile dhuine de mhuintir Aoife gafa leis an stair – chuile dhuine seachas Aoife! Ní thuigeann sí cén fáth a chaitheann a máthair lá i ndiaidh lae ag toraíocht taisce sa seanmhainistir. Nuair a thugann Aoife féin cuairt ar an mainistir i lár na hoíche, faigheann sí amach nach bhfuil cursaí staire chomh leadránach is a cheap sí!



## **Seachain an Dineasár** *le Patricia Forde*

Tá rang Lísín ar bís – tá siad chun cuairt a thabhairt ar an Músaem. Tá dineasár ann atáin ann bogadh! Ceapann Eoin Searlús gur dineasár ceart atá ann, ach deir Múinteoir Sailí nach gá bheith buartha. Ach tar éis tamaillín sa Mhúsaem, tá gach duine an-bhuartha ar fad! An mbeidh Lísín in ann na páistí deasa a thabhairt slán?



## **Lá an Dreoilín i gCorca Dhuibhne** *le Gobnait Uí Chonchubhair*

Titeann Lá Fhéile Stiofáin ar an 26 Nollaig. ‘Lá an Dreoilín’ a thugtar ar an lá seo in áiteanna in Éirinn. Is lá mór seoigh agus spóirt é Lá an Dreoilín. Cad ad a dtáinig nós Lá an Dreoilín? Ní fios go díreach.



## Scoil an Chnoic *le Jacqueline de Brún*

Seanscoil aisteach rúnda í Scoil an Chnoic. Tá ballaí an halla breac le pictiúir áille, ach is beag duine sa scoil a thugann suntas dóibh go dtí go dtarlaíonn eachtra a osclaíonn súile gach éinne.

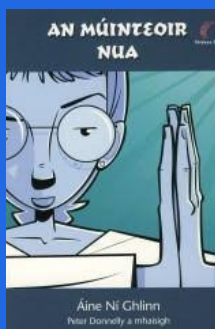
As Béal Feirste do Jacqueline de Brún agus is é seo a céad saothar nuascríofa, cé go bhfuil saothair eile aistriithe go Gaeilge aici. Tá maisiú an-chliste déanta ag Jean-Baptiste Vendamme ón Cartoon Saloon.



## An Nathair agus na Spéaclaí *le Máire Ní Ghallchobhair*

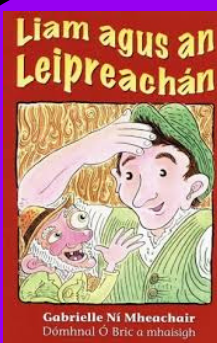
'Ta nathair nimhe i seomra Mhuireann!' arsa Conall de bhéic. Níor chreid Mamó focal uaidh. 'Éirigh as,' ar sise, 'agus ná bí ag cumadh.' Ach an ag cumadh atá Conall? Léigh leat go bhfaighidh tú amach!

Conall tells Granny there's a snake in Muireann's room but Granny doesn't believe him. Is Conall making it up or is there really a snake there? Read it and find out!



## An Múinteoir Nua *le Áine Ní Ghlinn*

'Rang a Ceathair? Ná habair liom gurb iad Rang a Ceathair atá agam i mbliana!' Phléasc Máistir Ó Riain amach ag caoineadh. Is cuid den sraith Séideán Sí an leabhar seo. Cúrsa nua Gaeilge is ea Séideán Sí cuireadh ar fáil chun freastal ar scoileanna Gaeltachta agus ar scoileanna lán-Ghaeilge agus atá oiriúnach do scoileanna eile. 'Fourth Class? Don't tell me I've Fourth Class this year!' Mr. Ryan burst out crying.



## Liam agus an Leipreachán *le Gabrielle Ní Mheachair*

Chun na páistí a choimeád ciúin agus sásta, insíonn Mámaí scéal daoibh. Scéal faoin bhfear Liam Ó Máirtín, a bhean scólach Íde agus faoin leipreachán a bhí cónaí air sna coillte in aice leo. Cad é a dtitfidh amach le Liam?