

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Kala</i></u> by Colin Walsh FICTION: Coming of Age/Mystery/Thriller</p> <p>Named “Newcomer of the Year” in the An Post Irish Book of the Year 2023</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>The Wren, The Wren</i></u> by Anne Enright FICTION</p> <p>About the author: In 2018, she received the PEN Award for Outstanding Contribution to Irish Literature. And in 2022, she was the recipient of the Irish Book Awards Lifetime Achievement Award. The Wren, The Wren is another bold contribution to contemporary literature by a novelist at the height of her power.</p> <p>This book is about the inheritance of trauma, wonder, and love across three generations.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>So Late in the Day: Stories of Women & Men</i></u> by Claire Keegan FICTION</p> <p>Author named Library Association of Ireland Author of the Year Three short stories about love, lust, betrayal, & interchanges between women & men.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Old God's Time</i></u> by Sebastian Barry FICTION</p> <p>Longlisted for the Booker Prize 2023 and shortlisted for the 2023 Irish Book Awards, Novel of the Year.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Prophet Song</i></u> by Paul Lynch FICTION</p> <p>Winner of the Booker Prize</p> <p>The story is not just about violence, heartache, cracking down on protests and breaking trade unions, tyranny, and persecution, but equally about the experience of fleeing from your home country to an unknown existence as refugees. A dystopian novel set in a version of present-day Ireland that is slowly descending into totalitarianism. The protagonist is Eilish Stack, a mother attempting to hold her family together after her husband, Larry, is arrested for being a labor union organizer.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>The Lock-Up</i></u> by John Banville FICTION</p> <p>Rosa Jacobs, a young Jewish history scholar, is found dead in her car, located in a lock-up (a secure place for motorists to keep their vehicles). First deemed a suicide, renowned pathologist Dr. Quirke and DI St. John Strafford finds evidence that Rosa was murdered.</p> <p>This is the ninth in the Dr. Quirke series & the fourth in the Inspector St. John Strafford series. The author used his pen name Benjamin Black for the beginning seven books of the Dr. Quirke series & the first book of the St. John Strafford series.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>My Father's House</i></u> by Joseph O'Connor HISTORICAL FICTION</p> <p>First in the Rome Escape Line trilogy. The second in the trilogy will be The Ghosts of Rome (2025) Based on the true story of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty & other accomplices smuggling Jews & escaped Allied prisoners out of occupied Rome through The Rome Escape Line.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Strange Sally Diamond</i></u> by Liz Nugent FICTION</p> <p>Irish Independent Crime Fiction Book of the Year</p>

An Post Irish Book Awards 2023 Shortlist

Eason Novel of the Year

- *The Bee Sting*, Paul Murray (Penguin Random House / Hamish Hamilton)

TheJournal.ie Irish-Published Book of the Year

- *Sunday Miscellany: A Selection, 2018-2023* edited by Sarah Binchy (New Island Books)

Bookselling Ireland Biography of the Year

- *Poor*, Katriona O'Sullivan (Penguin Random House / Sandycove)

Cookbook of the Year

- *Flavour: Every Day Food Made Exceptional*, Mark Moriarty, with photography by Clíodhna Prendergast (Gill Books)

Bookstation Lifestyle Book of the Year

- *The Hike Life*, Roz Purcell (Black and White Publishing)

Dubray Nonfiction Book of the Year

- *A Thread of Violence: A Story of Truth, Invention, and Murder*, Mark O'Connell (Granta Books)

Eason Sports Book of the Year, in association with Ireland AM

- *The Grass Ceiling: On Being a Woman in Sport*, Eimear Ryan (Penguin Random House / Sandycove)

Library Association of Ireland Author of the Year

- *Claire Keegan* (Faber and Faber)

Irish Independent Crime Fiction Book of the Year

- *Strange Sally Diamond*, Liz Nugent (Penguin Random House / Sandycove)

Sunday Independent Newcomer of the Year

- *Kala*, Colin Walsh (Atlantic Books)

National Book Tokens Popular Fiction Book of the Year

- *My Hot Friend*, Sophie White (Hachette Books Ireland)

Foras na Gaeilge Irish Language Fiction Book of the Year Award

- *Imram agus Scéalta Eile (Imran and Other Stories)*, Róise Ní Bhaoill (Éabhlóid)

The Last Word Listeners' Choice Award

- *Poor*, Katriona O'Sullivan (Penguin Random House / Sandycove)

New Voices: The An Post Writing Prize

- *The Border / Кордон*, Valeriia Shmyrova

International Education Services Teen and Young Adult Book of the Year

- *Black and Irish: Legends, Trailblazers and Everyday Heroes*, Leon Diop and Briana Fitzsimons, illustrated by Jessica Louis (Little Island Books and Black and Irish)

Specsavers Children's Book of the Year, junior

- *The President's Dog*, Peter Donnelly (Gill Books)

Specsavers Children's Book of the Year, senior

- *I Am The Wind: Irish Poems for Children Everywhere*, edited by Lucinda Jacob and Sarah Webb, illustrated by Ashwin Chacko (Little Island Books)

Writing.ie Short Story of the Year

- *Eyes Guts Throat Bones*, Moira Fowley (Hachette / W&N)

Listowel Writers' Week Poem of the Year

- *Vectors in Kabul*, Mary O'Donnell

An Post Bookshop of the Year

- Halfway up the Stairs, Greystones, County Wicklow