

Children's Book Festival 2011



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LISTINGS OCTOBER 2011

MEET THE AUTHORS

Ballincollig 021-4873024	Meet the author Celine Spengeman	Tuesday 11th October 12 noon - 1pm
Ballyvourney 026-45767	Meet the author Jane Mitchell	Friday 14th October 12.15pm - 1.15pm
Bandon 023-8844830	Meet the author Tony Curtis	Tuesday 18th October 10.30am - 11.30am
	Meet the author Tamara Bach	Thursday 20th October 11am - 12 noon
Bantry 027-50460	Meet the author Jane Mitchell	Thursday 13th October 12.30pm - 1.30pm
	Meet the author Tony Curtis	Wednesday 19th October 10.30am - 11.30am
Blarney 021-4382115	Meet the author Celine Spengeman	Tuesday 11th October 10.15am - 11.15am
Carrigaline 021-4371888	Meet the author Celine Kiernan	Tuesday 11th October 10.30am - 11.30am
	Meet the author Mary Arrigan	Tuesday 18th October 10.30am - 11.30am
Castletownbere 027-70233	Meet the author Michael Smith	Monday 17th October 11am - 12.30pm
Charleville 063-89769	Meet the author Mary Arrigan	Tuesday 18th October 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Clonakilty 023-8834275	Meet the author Sarah Webb	Thursday 27th October 11am - 12 noon
Cobh 021-4811130	Meet the author Sarah Rees Brennan	Tuesday 4th October 10.30am - 11.30am
Dunmanway 023-8855411	Meet the author Jane Mitchell	Thursday 13th October 10.00am - 11.00am
Fermoy 025-31318	Meet the author Sarah Rees Brennan	Wednesday 5th October 10.30am - 11.30am
	Meet the author Celine Kiernan	Tuesday 11th October 10.30am - 11.30am
Glanmire 021-4821627	Meet the author Judi Curtin	Tuesday 4th October 1.30pm - 2.30pm
	Meet the author Claire Hennessy	Friday 7th October 10.30am - 11.30am



Kanturk 029-51384	Meet the author Larry O'Loughlin	Tuesday 11th October 1.15pm - 2.15pm
Kinsale 021-4774266	Meet the author Michael Smith	Wednesday 12th October 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Library HQ 021-4546499	Meet the author Sarah Rees Brennan	Tuesday 4th October 12.30pm - 1.30pm
	Meet the author Tamara Bach	Thursday 20th October 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Macroom 026-42483	Meet the author Jane Mitchell	Friday 14th October 10.30am - 11.30am
Mallow 022-21821	Meet the author Judi Curtin	Tuesday 4th October 10.30am - 11.30am
	Meet the author Claire Hennessy	Thursday 6th October 10.30am - 11.30am
Midleton 021-4613929	Meet the author Claire Hennessy	Friday 7th October 12.30pm - 1.30pm
	Meet the author Tamara Bach	Wednesday 19th October 11am - 12noon
Millstreet 029-21920	Meet the author Claire Hennessy	Thursday 6th October 12.30pm - 1.30pm
	Meet the author Larry O'Loughlin	Tuesday 11th October 11.00am - 12noon
Mitchelstown 025-41939	Meet the author Don Conroy	Contact library for details
Oileán Chléire 028-41006	Workshop with Catherine Ryan	Contact library for details
Passage West 021-4863727	Meet the author Tony Curtis	Tuesday 18th October 12.30pm - 1.30pm
Schull 028-28290	Meet the author Sarah Webb	Friday 28th October 3pm - 4pm
Sherkin Island 028-20009	Workshop with Veronika O'Driscoll	Contact library for details
Skibbereen 028-22400	Meet the author Michael Smith	Tuesday 18th October 12.45pm - 1.45pm
	Meet the author Tony Curtis	Wednesday 19th October 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Youghal 024-93459	Meet the author Sarah Rees Brennan	Wednesday 5th October 12.30pm - 1.30pm

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Mary Arrigan



Mary Arrigan studied at the National College of Art and Design, Dublin, and won a scholarship to Florence University. In 1994 she gave up art teaching to become a full-time writer. She was awarded the International White Ravens title (*Munich*) and a Bisto Merit Award. Her teen book **'Esty's Gold'** was shortlisted for the West Sussex Children's Book Award 2010 and

was listed among the top 13 books at The Red House Children's Book Award 2010. Her short stories for adults have won The Sunday Times Crime Writers Association Award, and The Hennessy Short Story Award. Her books have been translated into 12 languages. Her teen book, **'The Rabbit Girl'**, has just been published by Frances Lincoln.

Tamara Bach



Tamara Bach, born 1976 in Limburg an der Lahn, studied English and German at the Free University Berlin, and now lives in Berlin as a freelance writer.

Her debut novel **'Marsmädchen'** (**'The girl from Mars'**) made a big impact, winning various awards including the Oldenburg Children's Book Prize and the German Children's Literature Prize. Her second novel, **'Busfahrt mit Kuhn'** (**'Bus journey with Kuhn'**), won various accolades, including nomination for the Honour List of the International Board on Books for Young People. She also worked for television and has written plays for young adults.

The prestigious German weekly **'Die Zeit'** has declared Tamara Bach to be **'one of the most important voices in children's literature'**.

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Sarah Rees Brennan



Sarah Rees Brennan was born and raised in Ireland by the sea, where her teachers valiantly tried to make her fluent in Irish (*she wants you to know it's not called Gaelic*) but she chose to read books under her desk in class instead. She began working on her debut novel, **'The Demon's Lexicon'**, which received three starred reviews and was an ALA Top Ten best book, while doing a Creative Writing MA

and library work in England. Since then she has returned to Ireland to write and use as a home base for future adventures. Her Irish is still woeful, but she feels the books under the desk were worth it. Her most recent books are **'The Demon's Covenant'** and **'The Demon's Surrender'**; in 2012 she will publish a romantic Gothic mystery called **'Unspoken'**. You'll find her online at: www.sarahreesbrennan.com.

Don Conroy



Don Conroy is a man of many talents - a writer, a television presenter, a naturalist, an environmentalist and a working artist. Perhaps best known to the young people of Ireland for his appearances as Uncle Don to Dustin, Socky and Zig & Zag on **RTE's The Den**, Don has also had his own TV series **'Paint for Fun'** and **'The Art of Don'**. Don is the author of many books for children and young adults. He travels the country promoting the message of art and conservation.

Don studied life drawings and culture at the National College of Art and then worked as a designer and illustrator for advertising agencies as well as in the theatre.

A keen naturalist, he is actively involved in conservation. Don played an important part in the highly successful project to reintroduce the Golden Eagle to Ireland as well as establishing a sanctuary for Whales and Dolphins in Irish waters (*the first of its kind in Europe*).

Judi Curtin



Judi Curtin wrote three novels for adults before she realised that what she really wanted to do was write books for children. Her series of books about Alice and Megan now runs to eight books. She has commenced a new series called **'Friends Forever'**, and the first book, **'The Time Spell'**, was published in April. Her most recent book is called **'Eva's Holiday'**. Judi doesn't plan to write any more books for adults any time soon!

Tony Curtis



Tony Curtis was born in Dublin in 1955. He studied literature at Essex University and Trinity College Dublin. An award winning poet, Curtis has published eight warmly received collections. **'The Well in the Rain: New & Selected Poems'** was published by Arc, 2006. In 2003 he was awarded the Varuna House Exchange Fellowship to Australia. Curtis has been awarded the Irish National Poetry Prize. In 2007, with the designer Conor Clarke, he

received The Robert Horne Award. In 2008, **'Days Like These'** (with Theo Dorgan & Paula Meehan) was published by Brooding Heron Press in Washington State. His new collection, **'Folk'**, has just been published by Arc Publications. He has also just published a book of poems for children, **'An Elephant Called Rex and a Dog Called Dumbo'**. This book was designed and illustrated by Pat Mooney from the College of Art & Design in Dublin. He is a member of Aosdana.

Claire Hennessy

Claire Hennessy is the author of nine novels for young adults, including **'Dear Diary'**, **'Being Her Sister'**, **'Stereotype'**, **'Big Picture'** and **'Every Summer'**. She started writing in primary school, and her first book was published when she was thirteen. Now twenty-five (*Ancient! Decrepit!*), she's still writing and is currently working on her next two books. Claire also teaches creative



writing workshops for kids, teens, and adults, and can't function without her morning mug(s) of tea. She lives in Dublin, and online at www.clairehennessy.com and www.facebook.com/clairehennessywriter

Celine Kiernan

Celine Kiernan is the author of the award winning and critically acclaimed **'The Moorehawke**



Trilogy', a dark, complex trilogy of fantasy young adult books set in an alternative renaissance Europe. The three books of **'The Moorehawke Trilogy'** are **'The Poison Throne'**, **'The Crowded Shadows'** and **'The Rebel Prince'**. First published in Celine's native Ireland in 2008, the trilogy has since been published in 15 different territories, and as of this typing has been translated to 10 different languages.

Celine's fourth book, **'Taken Away'** (aka Into The Grey) – a young

adult ghost story set in 1970's Ireland – is due for publication in September 2011.

Celine lives in rural Ireland with her husband and two teenage children. She is currently polishing the first draft of her next novel; a supernatural/sci-fi horror/romance set in 1890's Ireland.

Jane Mitchell



Jane Mitchell is an award-winning author of books for children and young people. She has written and illustrated several books for children, including **'When Stars Stop Spinning'** and **'An Loch Draíochta'**. Her books have been translated into German, Danish and French. Her most recent novel, **'Chalkline'**, was published by Walker Books Ltd. in 2009 to critical acclaim. Set in Kashmir, it is endorsed by Amnesty International as contributing to a better understanding of human rights and the values that underpin them. It went on to win the Children's Choice Award in the Bisto Book of the Year Awards 2010.

Jane trained as a primary school teacher and is currently editing the manuscript of her next book. You can find out more about Jane on her website: www.janemitchell.ie or by following her blog: www.janemitchell.ie/wordpress.

Larry O'Loughlin



Larry O'Loughlin is a storyteller, author and playwright. He has written thirteen books for children and teenagers. Two of his titles for teenagers, **'Is Anybody Listening?'** and **'Breaking The Silence'**, were awarded the prestigious International White Raven citation, and he was shortlisted for the Bisto Book Of The Year Award for **'The Goban Saor'** and **'Is Anybody Listening?'** His

collection of children's poetry **'Worms Can't Fly'**, co-authored with his daughter Aislinn O'Loughlin is one of the top selling collections published for children in the last two decades, and his poetry for children has been anthologised both in Ireland and Britain.

His plays include the one man play **'100 More Like These'**, which has toured extensively, including numerous appearances at Electric Picnic and other festivals, and the musical **'Stone Mountain Band Live - or Dead?'** which returns to the Dublin stage mid-2012. He recently adapted his first children's novel **'The Yuckee Prince'** as a class-room based drama.

Celine Spengeman

Celine Spengeman lives in the world famous village of Blarney - 5 minutes from Cork city in Ireland. In her late teens, while at university in UCC, she began some scribbling in poetry for her own amusement



and only decided to go 'public' with some work at a more mature age. Three booklets of poetry were then produced for local sale. In 2005, she produced the first 'professional' book of poetry, **'Cork: A City on Pieces'** with Trafford Publishing. This was followed also in 2005, by **'The Four Faced Liar - the Mystery of the Shandon Clock'**, a fantasy story for 9-13 year olds. A sequel story, **'The Mystery of the Shandon Rumbings'** was published in 2006 with Choice Publishing and Book Services Ltd.

The third book in the Shandon mystery series, **'The Mystery of the Shandon Rainbow Trail'**, was published in 2009 with Choice Publishing and Book Services Ltd., An interest in theatre is another source of writing for her. Several short plays have been written over the years, as well as two musicals – **'Behind Closed Doors'** (2007) and **'Suspicious Grief'** (2008) for young and old.

A fourth book in the Shandon series – **'The Mystery of the Strange Waters'** – is about to make an appearance as an eBook in 2011. View the website for other eBooks - www.celinesbooksonline.com.

Michael Smith

Michael Smith is the best-selling author of **'An Unsung Hero - Tom Crean'** and **'Tom Crean - Iceman'**, the popular children's adaptation, which led to the explorer's story being taught in Irish schools for the first time.

Michael Smith is an authority on the history of Polar exploration who has written eight books, appeared in TV and radio documentaries, contributed to many newspapers and magazines and lectured extensively on the subject. www.micksmith.co.uk



Sarah Webb



Sarah Webb is the author of the hugely popular Ask Amy Green series for readers of 10+. Her latest book is *'Ask Amy Green: Love and Other Drama-Ramas'*. She has also written nine bestselling novels for adults including *'Always the Bridesmaid'* and *'The Loving Kind'*. Her books have been published in many different countries including the US, Poland, Italy and Indonesia; and film options have been bought for the *'Ask Amy Green'* series. Sarah will talk about the series, her ideas & inspiration.



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Cork County Council Library and Arts Services are delighted to launch their

DESIGN A LIBRARY CARD COMPETITION

This competition will give budding designers the opportunity to have their artwork featured on the Cork County Library's 2012 Children's library card.

Entrants must be a library member in one of Cork County's 28 libraries or 5 mobile libraries. Prizes will be awarded in three different age categories.

The overall winner's design will be printed on library membership cards and will be in use county-wide.

For further details contact your local library or the Arts Office **021-4346210**

Library Contact Details

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Ballyvourney	026 45767	Headquarters	021 4546499
Bandon	023 8844830	Macroom	026 42483
Bantry	027 50460	Mallow	022 21821
Blarney	021 4382115	Midleton	021 4613929
Carrigaline	021 4371888	Millstreet	029 21920
Castletownbere	027 70233	Mitchelstown	025 41939
Charleville	063 89769	Newmarket	029 61090
Clonakilty	023 8834275	Oilean Chléire	028 41006
Cobh	021 4811130	Passage West	021 4863727
Dunmanway	023 8855411	Schull	028 28290
Fermoy	025 31318	Sherkin Island	028 20009
Glanmire	021 4821627	Skibbereen	028 22400
Kanturk	029 51384	Youghal	024 93459
Kinsale	021 4774266	Mobile Libraries	021 4546499

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