

SOLAS NUA, with D.C. Public Library, Global Irish Studies at Georgetown University, and Politics and Prose PRESENT:



# IRISH BOOK DAY

**LÁ FHÉILE PÁDRAIG  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

Friday, March 17  
1.30-5.30pm

MLK Jr. Memorial Library  
901 G St NW

Free

Expanding on Solas Nua's long tradition of providing Washington, D.C. with free Irish literature on St. Patrick's Day, this year Solas Nua is delighted to work with our partners to present an afternoon of events at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, to celebrate creative non-fiction in Irish literature. We are pleased to welcome to D.C. three incredible writers, Sinéad Gleeson, Adrian Duncan and Jayne A. Quan, based in Dublin, Berlin and L.A. respectively. The afternoon will include a mix of readings, in-conversations and performances, all at the newly renovated Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library in downtown D.C.

In-conversation guests will include writer Jennifer Natalya Fink, visual artist Aideen Barry and Executive Director of Solas Nua Miranda Driscoll. The day will culminate with *The Haunted Haunting Women*, a text, sound and visual performance by writer Sinéad Gleeson and composer Stephen Shannon. Registered attendees of the event will be invited to select a free book of their choosing by one of the three writers, plus some other Irish Books Day favorites. Politics and Prose will be offering a smorgasbord of Irish writing for sale.

See back for IRISH BOOK DAY schedule

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## 1pm:

Attendees and writers invited to mingle and browse free books and books for sale.

## 1.30pm - 2.30pm:

Part One (library first floor):

Writer Jayne A. Quan in conversation with Jennifer Natalya Fink, Professor,  
Department of English at Georgetown University. Jayne will read an extract of their book,  
***All this happened, more or less.***

## 2.30pm - 3.30pm:

Writer Sinéad Gleeson in conversation with visual artist Aideen Barry, interspersed with  
readings by Sinéad.

## 4pm:

Part Two (auditorium):

A performed reading by writer Adrian Duncan of ***Little Republics: The Story of Bungalow Bliss***, followed by Adrian Duncan in conversation with Solas Nua's Executive Director,  
Miranda Driscoll.

## 5pm - 5.30pm:

Writer Sinéad Gleeson and composer Stephen Shannon will then present  
***The Haunted Haunting Women***, a text, sound and visual performance, extracted from  
Sinéad's books of essays, ***Constellations: Reflections from Life.***

## Register at:

<https://www.solasnua.org/events/irish-book-day-2023>

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