

A Selection of Recent Local Publications

Reviewed by Orla Parkinson

Leitrim: A County at War

Quincey Dougan

This book was commissioned by a committee organised by the Leitrim Grand Orange Lodge and details how the county and its people were affected by the Great War. There has been limited work on this aspect of the county's history and this book brings to light not just the story of the Leitrim-born men who gave their lives, but also other aspects of life in the county at the time.

Becoming Unique

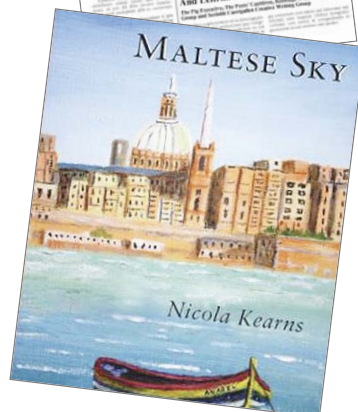
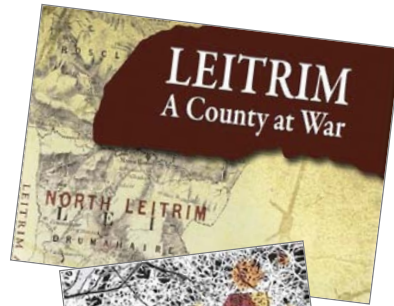
James Charles

The author of this book grew up in Aughavas and has lived most of his life in England, where one of his jobs was as a mental health nurse. It was not until James was forty-two that he was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, and his memoir is an account of his journey. It also examines the positive attributes of the disorder.

Gleanings: Poetry Inspired by the Leitrim Observer

Monica Corish—Editor

Monica Corish spent a year as writer-in-residence at the Leitrim Observer as part of the SPARK programme. While there, she wrote poetry in response to the headlines and stories in the paper, and she also invited other local writers and members of local writing groups to make contributions to the Writing Leitrim



pages. The first half of this book comprises Monica's poems, and the second is a compilation of poems and prose by other contributors, many of whom will be familiar to you.

Idir Mhna

John McGahern

Translator Irene Duffy Lynch

Seo leagan Gaeilge de Amongst

Women le John McGahern atá aistrithe ag Irene Duffy Lynch. Although John McGahern's work has been translated into more than twenty languages, this is the first major work of his to be translated into Irish.

Under a Maltese Sky

Nicola Kearns

This is the first novel from Fenagh-based author, Nicola Kearns. The story makes reference to episodes which occurred during the great siege of Malta during the Second World War. The author's great-uncle served there in the British Royal Air Force at that time. Part romance, part adventure, several of the characters in this book will appear in her next novel on which she has already begun work.

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Proinnsíós Ó Duigneáin—Editor

Neart scéalta agus dánta ón Iarthuaisceart arís. Following on from the success of last year's publication *Proinnsíós Ó Duigneáin* is back with more writing from the region, both poetry and prose.

Cois teorann? – is é sin an chuid sin den iarthuaisceart ag a mbuaileann Liatroim, FearManach agus an Cabhán le chéile.

Sweet Old World: New and Selected Stories

Brian Leyden

Arigna-born Brian Leyden describes life in his area in the short story “The last mining village”, one included in this collection, and one which won him the Francis McManus short story award. Many new works are also included in this collection, including several which were broadcast on RTE's show Sunday Miscellany.

Tavern Told Tales

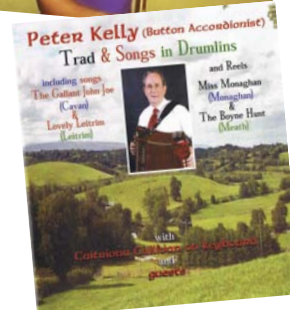
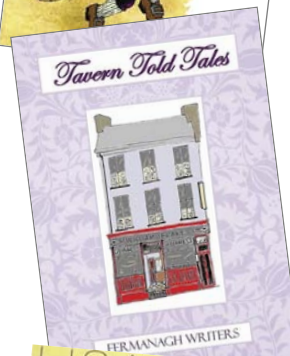
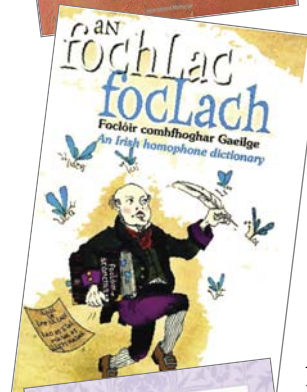
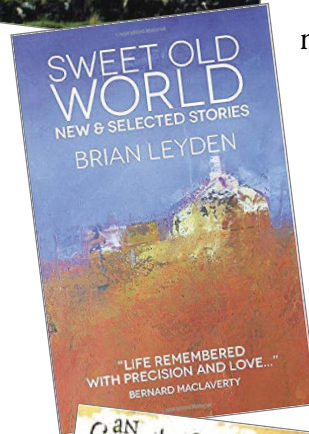
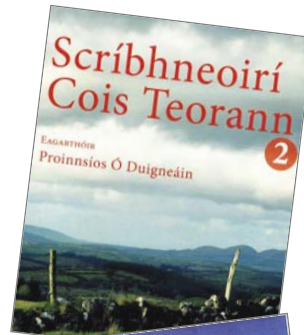
Fermanagh Creative Writing Group

This is the third anthology published by the Fermanagh Creative Writing Group. In poetry and prose, members of the group respond to a wide variety of subjects, ranging from contentious political issues such as fracking to stories about ordinary, and extraordinary, life in Fermanagh.

Black Swan

Lisa Ward

This is the debut album of Aughnasheelin fiddler, Lisa Ward, an All-Ireland fiddle champion. It



includes Leitrim tunes and also features her sisters Niamh, Orla, Sarah, and Yvonne who play a variety of instruments. Brian McGrath plays piano, and Paul Meehan plays guitar. The hornpipe, Black Swan, gives its name to the album.

An Fochlac Foclach

Rossa Ó Snodaigh

This is a dictionary of Irish homophones. Words that sound similar but that have different meanings are put together in sentences to comic effect. Leabhrán plúchta le nathanna cainte, abairtí gan brí - ach ina bhfuil brí ionntu. Illustrated with cartoons by Séamus Dunbar. Both Rossa and Séamus live in Manorhamilton.

Trad & Songs in Drumlins

Peter Kelly

Peter Kelly is a from Leitrim and is a button accordionist. This CD is his most recent release and it includes such favourites as: The Gallant John Joe, (the famous tribute to the legendary Cavan all-Ireland winning footballer), Lovely Leitrim, Miss Monaghan, The Boyne Hunt and a host of reels! Various guests include Catriona Cullivan on keyboard.