

Title What the Green Rushes Whisper
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Vonnie Banville Evans recalls one of the best moments in her life as being approached shyly by a ten year old girl in the street, who told her: “Your book, Anna’s Dream, is brilliant”. It is the sort of moment that every artist dreams of, when their work brings pleasure to someone important.

Vonnie has previously published two books. The first “The House in the Faythe” in 1994 was a memoir of growing in the 1940’s and 1950’s in a very different Ireland to the one we know today. It recalls, with a child’s perspective, a time and a place now gone. In taking this innocent but wise voice, events that happened all those years ago are brought vividly to life with the realisation, love and hindsight that the intervening years have afforded.

On it’s publication Maeve Binchy said of the book that it is “a childhood remembered with affection by sounds and smells and feelings; by the happiness of the great outings to Rosslare; the excitement of the mighty games of taws, when every child in the area walked around with a little cloth purse full of marbles...you want to know more about these people who lived in a world where children feared the bogeyman, drank water from the pump, listened to Dick Barton on the wireless and saw every film that came to town.”

The second book, was the result of painstaking research into the history of Wexford town around the time of the Cromwellian invasion. It is presented as a children’s historical mystery. In the plotting and execution Vonnie gives away her fondness for whodunnits. The evidence is that, although the book is aimed at nine-to-twelve-year-olds, it appeals to a far wider audience. It is full of the sort of detail that Inspector Morse would have loved. It is undiluted entertainment.

Both of these books have passed into myth and have become collectible items over the last fifteen years.

Vonnie is a pure storyteller. Her new novel “What The Green Rushes Whisper” combines and builds on the strengths of both of her previous novels. With an attentive ear it reproduces the rhythms and richness of how real people spoke and combines this with a background of engaging history.

It is about a time when great historical events for Ireland and the world were about to unfold. People were living their lives while just around the corner, waiting for them, was the the 1913 Lockout, the Easter Rising, the First World War, the War of Independence and the Irish civil war. Jim Larkin, James Connolly and Richard Corish were in Wexford taking the first steps in their struggle for the rights of ordinary people.

It is cleverly juxtaposed against the story of an ordinary woman and her life. Vonnie draws upon elements of her own Grandmother’s life, along with the history of her country and her town, to weave a page turning tale.

Code Green Publishing is proud to bring this new work to the reading public and to celebrate it by making both “The House in the Faythe” and “Anna’s Dream” available again for a whole new generation. (*See below for details*)

Vonnie has a website at <http://www.vonniebanvilleevans.com>

The House In The Faythe

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Anna’s Dream

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