

Annie Quinn - Short interview

What compelled you to write this book?

I wrote this book for our family and friends to know the "REAL" story of how we met in Connemara in 1998 and our love story. We often told our story, over and over again, and one day Noel told someone, "You can read it in our book!" From that time on we joked about our book and story. After Noel's death I wanted to honor his memory and let his family and friends know and remember Noel, as a man, an uncle, a brother, a husband, and most importantly a Granda.

Luckily I have kept journals, so I was able to accurately document dates, events, and conversations. I took many writing classes and finally found my spot in a Memoir Class, led by Jean Ardell, at Newport Beach Public Library. I honestly thought I would write a small manuscript that would be copied and mailed to our friends and family. But the book took on a life of its own and was published.

What does your book offer that your audience is looking for?

It is a love story, and second chance, for those of us over 50. It is also a story of hope and inspiration and following one's heart and intuition.

Brief biography of author

Annie Quinn lives in Newport Beach, California, where she manages the family real estate business and indulges her seven grandsons. Her love for both travel and the ocean is reflected in her collection of shells, gathered from the beaches throughout the world. She loves to garden, write and read. She often spends time at her home in Ballycotton, Ireland where her door is always open to family and friends.