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An Irish Love Story

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Award-winning love story and second chance for those over fifty offers hope and inspiration to those who follow their hearts.

Annie Quinn in her award-winning memoir *A Moment in Connemara: An Irish Love Story* relays the magical tale of falling in love after fifty.

Her story is inspiring. Divorced after three decades of marriage, Annie decided to go to Ireland with her two best girlfriends, Joan and Yvette, to celebrate their fiftieth birthdays. In a hotel overlooking Galway Bay on the Connemara Coast, destiny and fate intersected and Annie's life, yet again, took on a new direction.

Noel Quinn, a widower, was sitting alone in the pub, sipping a drink and reading a book. Due to a bit of Blarney, circumstances intervened and Noel was invited to join the conversation. By chance, the only chair available was opposite Annie's. What follows in *A Moment in Connemara* is the story of how two people meet by chance and develop a friendship and eventually fall in love through letters, phone calls, and visits. Annie and Noel continued to live each moment of their relationship with love, optimism, laughter, joy, and gratitude.

Annie comments, "One never knows the mysterious feeling of unexpected love. Noel and I learned to enjoy the moments."

For her efforts, *A Moment in Connemara: An Irish Love Story* won a Living Now Book Award for 2013 and a bronze medal in the category of Inspirational Memoirs: Female from the Independent Publishers (IPPY) Book Awards.

"This [is] a delightful, romantic and heartwarming story of persistence, hope and new love at the least expected time. Those who believe 'those heroes in romance novels don't exist' will find that Noel Quinn, an Irishman from Cork, fits the bill. It is his story and Annie's that will keep you turning the pages, hoping against hope that these two people will have their happy ending. If you love Ireland, if you love romance, if you love uplifting stories, you will love Annie Quinn's autobiography of her years with Noel." ~ Amazon review by D. Farrell

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.