

## Press Release

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### **Book Launch: *Peripheral* by Faye Boland** – *poetry with a power to connect* –

*Peripheral* by Faye Boland is the author's debut collection of poetry, to be formally launched at Tralee Library in Co. Kerry on Saturday, 22 September, starting 2.30pm.

Faye Boland's poetry has been described as "a happy combination of musical lyricism and intellectual subtlety", by well-known Irish poet and novelist, Brendan Kennelly.

The poem from which this collection takes its title was Overall Winner at the 2017 Hanna Greally International Literary Awards, organised as part of the annual SiarScéal Festival in Co. Roscommon. It is also from this that the present volume results, as the prize, on this occasion, was for the winner to have his or her book published professionally by The Manuscript Publisher, an Irish-based publishing services provider.

In her citation of Boland's winning entry, the adjudicator at the awards, Mary Melvin Geoghegan, drew attention to the author's "economy and freshness of language", which she describes as "riveting – words forming as scaffold to arrest the eye and ear":

*My roof is the sky,  
the wind my walls,*

*Every night it blows  
the same words:*

*Homeless.  
Homeless.*

Poet, Eileen Sheehan describes Boland's poetry, "recounted from an eclectic range of perspectives", as charting "a restless search for home, for purpose in an era when people feel increasingly disconnected from their own sense of worth."

So, where does one find that sense of self-worth? From our ability to connect is one place to



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start looking, as this collection of poetry might appear to suggest: the ability to receive and to acknowledge human distress signals, rather than trying to shut them out. Also, from the pleasure to be found in the mundane, reminding us that we are all somehow connected, no matter how dispersed and disparate our lives become.

*Peripheral* by Faye Boland is published by The Manuscript Publisher. It is on sale now and available to [buy online](#), as well as from other outlets. RRP €12 plus P&P.

The book will be formally launched at Tralee Library, Co. Kerry on Saturday, 22 September, starting 2.30pm.

Faye Boland will also be performing her work and giving readings at the following public events and venues during autumn 2018:

- Irish Writers Centre, Parnell Square, Dublin 1 – Thursday, 27 September @ 6.30pm
- Carnegie Arts Centre, Kenmare – Friday, 28 September @ 8pm
- Kinsale Literary Festival – Sunday, 7 October @ 3pm
- Limerick Writers Centre, The Poetry Circle, Nelly's Cafe, Nicholas Street, Limerick – Thursday, 18 October @ 7.30pm
- SiarScéal Festival, Roscommon Library, Abbey Street, Roscommon Town – Saturday, 20 October @ 12pm

**ENDS**

## Notes for Editors

1. *Peripheral* by Faye Boland is published by **The Manuscript Publisher**. ISBN: 978-1-911442-15-8. RRP €12.
2. Faye Boland lives in Kenmare, Co. Kerry. Her work has been published in numerous literary magazines and journals. She has won the Robert Leslie Boland poetry prize 2018 and the Hanna Greally International Literary Award 2017. She was shortlisted in 2013 for the Poetry on the Lake XIII International Poetry Competition and was highly commended for a Kerry Literary Award (for fiction) in 2015. Her songs, *Dreaming* (2013) and *All I Want is You* (2015) are available on iTunes.
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