

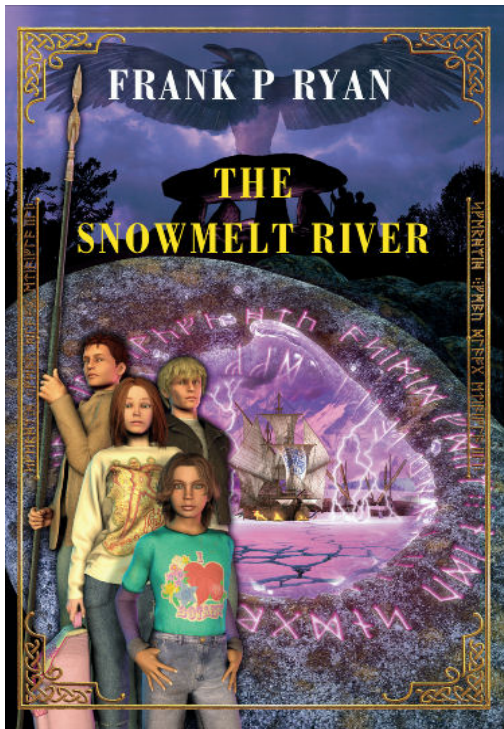
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Press Release

The Snowmelt River



Chance has brought together four young people in the small, historic Irish town of Clonmel. Alan is American, Kate Irish, and the adoptive brother and sister, Mark and Mo, are Londoners – although Mo, who originally hails from Australia, has an exotic spiritual quality about her. They discover that they share a terrible secret, one that cannot be coincidence, and it makes them wonder if it was fate, and not happenstance, that really brought them together, and which now binds them inseparably as friends. And then, over the long hot summer, the calling begins...

The four friends are drawn to the fabled mountain of Slievenamon, enshrined in magic and legend, on the summit of which is the Gate of Feimhin, which will take them into the enchanted but war-

ravaged world of Tír. Trough a perilous wilderness, fought over by the spiritual forces of good and evil, they set out to rescue the enslaved Olhyiu and avenge the murders of their own families – a seemingly impossible quest for their arch enemy, the Tyrant of the Wastelands, is said to be immortal.

The Snowmelt River is the first of a four-volume fantasy series, with each book a separate adventure in itself. All four novels revolve around the coming of age, and power, of the central characters, each a very different personality, yet each making his or her personal contribution to an epic odyssey.

B-format paperback. Fantasy. ISBN 978 -1-874082-48-4.
Publication date September 6 2010.

Promotion and Marketing

The Snowmelt River is the John West Chosen Book for 2010

A nationwide fantasy short story competition, based around the book and its author, Frank P Ryan, will take place throughout Ireland starting in September 2010.

In the UK, Swift Publishers will be putting on its own "hearts and minds" media promotion for the book, with BOOKSELLER advertising and whistle-stop major city radio interviews.

PRAISE FOR THE WRITING OF FRANK RYAN

Magnificently tense. **THE SUNDAY TIMES**

Enthralling. Not many books have this cosmic ability. **LOS ANGELES TIMES.**

The page-turning and spine-chilling ability of a good novelist. **SUNDAY TELEGRAPH**

Powerful atmospherics...Impressive story-telling throughout. **LITERARY REVIEW**

A riveting thriller. **PUBLISHERS WEEKLY**

Well written... recommended for libraries. **LIBRARY JOURNAL**

A riveting book. **ELLE**

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