

## **RONAN SHEEHAN**

### **Curriculum Vitae**

Born; Dublin 1953

#### **Education:**

Gonzaga College,S.JDublin  
University College,Dublin (BA English and Latin)  
Incorporated Law Society (Enrolled Solicitor 1980)

#### **Employment:**

!980-2005 Solicitor,specializing in Copyright Law  
1986 Taught English to secondary school students  
1986 Founded Dublin Follore Collection Group to encourage young people in the  
1987 centre of Dublin to collect folkore in their areas.Presently discussing a project  
about Dublin's Latin heritage.

1988-89 lived in France,Writing.  
1991-93 Assistant Script Editor Drama Irish Television  
1991-94 Sub-editor-The Irish Press  
2003 - Founded John Philpot Curran Project to teach law to Dublin communities

#### **Editorial Work:**

1974-75 St.Stephen's Magazine UCD  
1975-83 Secretary Irish Writers Co-operative  
1977-1978 The Mongrel Fox (magazine)  
!977-1985 The Crane Bag (Member Editorial Board)

Special Editor:  
Latin American Issue (1982)  
Socialism and Culture Issue (1984)  
Irish Ideologies Issue (1985)

1993-2003 Studies

Member,Editorial Board

2000-2006 Director - Poetry Ireland

#### **Publications:**

1977 Tennis Players (A novel) (Co-op Books)  
1982 Boy With An Injured Eye (short stories) (Brandon)  
published as Ragazzo con el ferita al occhio by Sellerio in 1992.  
1988 The Heart Of The City (Cultural and Political essay upon Dublin's North Inner  
City)Brandon

- 1994                      Who will preach the gospel in Hereford?  
  
Political essay upon the cultural roots of British violence. Published Studies
- 1992                      Paradise                      Novella about Sir William Petty (17th Century  
Colonist) Field Day Anthology of Irish Writing.
- 1999                      Foley's Asia                      Post-colonialist novel about the Irish in India in the 19th  
century. Lilliput Press.

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The Heart Of The City is taught in some schools and colleges in Dublin.

Who will preach The Gospel In Hereford? Played a role in negotiations towards the Irish peace agreement 1996/97

Foley's Asia is taught in a handful of American Universities.

### **Credits**

2001 Script Consultant on Though The Sky Falls, a feature film about Veronica Guerin

2005 Consultant on The Land is Gold tv documentary about the Lansdowne Estate in Kerry  
(Founded by William Petty).

### **Uncredited**

!992    Script Writer on "The Petrified Forest" a view of the collapse of Stalinism in  
Russia, Golem theme. Dir. amos Gitai (Israel) Agav Films (Paris)

### **Awards**

1974                      Hennessy Literary Award

1984                      Rooney Prize For Literature

1991                      Arts Council Film Script Award.

2001                      National Library Of Ireland acquires manuscripts of Ronan Sheehan and  
2002                      establishes an archive.

### **Current Projects**

novel                      Green Street

A political novel aimed at contemporary Ireland using the perspective of

the author's family history in the eponymous court from John Phillpot Curran (18th century) to the present day.

### **Editorial**

1) Editing Irish section of Joint Irish /Cuban poetry anthology in partnership with UNEAC,Cuban Writers and Artists Union.For Poetry Ireland.

2)The Irish Catullus or One Gentleman from Verona.

A project to protest against the closing of the Classics Department in Queens University,Belfast.A translation of Catullus into Irish,English and Ulster Scots.In the tradition of The Irish Aeneid,the mediaeval translation into the Irish language.Already two events have been held,a joint reading with Centrum Latinitatis Europae (CLE) in Lasize, and a reading at Saint Isidore's in Rome.

3)To every Cow Its calf,To Every Book It's copy.

A seminar exploring the first ever recorded copyright case,involving the Irish Saint Colmcille in the Fifth Century.The proceedings at the National Museum Of Ireland were video-recorded and may be expanded into a tv series.

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