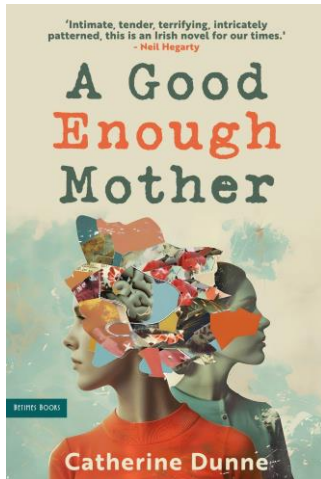


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## **Acclaimed Irish Novelist Catherine Dunne Releases New Book: *A Good Enough Mother***

**‘This is a nerve-jangling, urgent, brilliantly-paced novel. I read it quickly - I had to. I had to know what was going to happen, and I had to admire the craft and flair that went into its writing.’ Roddy Doyle**



Dublin, Ireland – Betimes Books is thrilled to announce the launch of renowned author Catherine Dunne’s latest novel. *A Good Enough Mother* is a captivating tale that intricately weaves the lives of Irish women across generations. From the acclaimed writer of eleven previous novels and the notable work of nonfiction, *An Unconsidered People*, Dunne's newest novel explores the depths of motherhood, choice, and the unbreakable bonds of family in the heart of Ireland.

Set against the backdrop of Ireland from the 1960s to the present day, amidst the trials of a global pandemic, *A Good Enough Mother* tells the story of Tess and Maeve, whose encounter in a Dublin café sets off a chain of events that will have a profound impact on them and their families. This deeply Irish narrative shifts seamlessly between first, second, and third-person perspectives, crafting a compelling and coherent plot that challenges readers to piece together a complex

puzzle.

**Catherine Dunne brings her signature depth and humanity to this novel. *A Good Enough Mother* delves into the struggles and triumphs of motherhood in a country where women's choices were often suppressed, offering a poignant exploration of the themes of resilience, solidarity, and the capacity for forgiveness.** Dunne's work has resonated with readers and critics alike; it has been translated into several languages and celebrated for its lucid treatment of existential themes and realities.

*A Good Enough Mother*, winner of the inaugural European Rapallo Prize for Fiction 2023, is already a bestseller in Italy. It promises to be a powerful addition to her opus, shedding light on the horrors that took place in Mother and Baby Homes in Ireland from 1922 to 1998, as well as the strength and empathy that define the Irish female experience.

### **About Catherine Dunne**

Catherine Dunne is the author of twelve novels and one work of nonfiction, *An Unconsidered People*. Her insightful portrayal of human relationships and her ability to capture the essence of Irish society have earned her a place among the most respected contemporary authors.

Dunne's work has been recognised both in Ireland and internationally, reflecting her profound impact on modern literature.

***A Good Enough Mother* will be launched on the 26th of June @ 6.30 pm at the Irish Writers Centre. For more information, review copies or interviews, contact [contact@betimesbooks.com](mailto:contact@betimesbooks.com).**