

Advance Information

In the Library of Lost Objects

By Noel Duffy

In the Library of Lost Objects was shortlisted for the 2010 Patrick Kavanagh Poetry Prize for the best unpublished first collection by an Irish author, receiving a special commendation from the judge, Brian Lynch. It contains a selection of poems which won the START Chapbook Prize and others which won the The Firewords Poetry Award. Between these covers you will find more prize winners and poems that have appeared in literary magazines and anthologies and have been broadcast on RTÉ Radio 1.

Critical Review

'A tremendous sense of ease, of fullness, informs these poems, both individually and as a collection. It suggests they have been allowed to ripen over a long period into their appointed shapes. They present themselves to the reader at exactly the right moment to be picked, full of flavour, the indefinable flavour of how things are...

Here you will find the human mysteries of knowledge, endurance, memory, fate, absence, inseparable from the vivid images in which they are held: stone, bee, daisy, book, ring, dragonfly, photograph.'

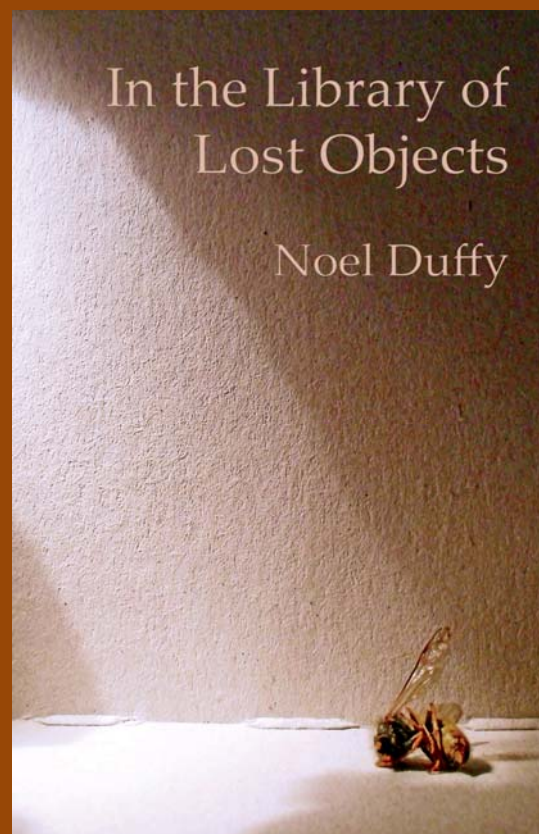
Mark Roper, adjudicator in the START Chapbook Prize

About the Author

Noel Duffy was born in Dublin in 1971 and studied Experimental Physics at Trinity College, Dublin, before turning his hand to writing. He co-edited (with Theo Dorgan) *Watching the River Flow: A Century in Irish Poetry* (Poetry Ireland, 1999) and was the winner in 2003 of the START Chapbook Prize for Poetry for his collection, *The Silence After*. His work has appeared widely in Ireland, as well as in the UK, the US, Belgium and South Africa. More recently he was the winner of the Firewords Poetry Award and has been a recipient of an Arts Council of Ireland Bursary for Literature.

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