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## **Liberties Press Launches New Imprint for Local Fiction with Global Outlook**

**Dublin, 14 July 2021.** Independent publisher **Liberties Press** is delighted to announce the creation of its new fiction imprint, **Ely's Arch**, which will be publishing a curated selection of contemporary fiction with a global outlook.



The name of the new imprint is inspired by Ely's Arch, a triumphal arch in the south Dublin suburb of Churchtown, similar to the Arc de Triomphe and Marble Arch. About a hundred years ago, Churchtown was home to Dun Emer (later the Cuala Press), the legendary publisher set up and run by Elizabeth Yeats with her brother William Butler Yeats. The Cuala Press was "the only Arts and Crafts press to be run and staffed by women, and the only one that published new work rather than established classics". Ely's Arch stands proudly in this tradition, highlighting how, in the contemporary world, as in earlier times, culture springs from local areas.

The first publication under the Ely's Arch imprint will be ***The Garfield Conspiracy*** by award-winning novelist Owen Dwyer (7 Sep). A psychological thriller with a touch of historical fiction, *The Garfield Conspiracy* is inspired by the fascinating figure of 19<sup>th</sup> century US President James Garfield, and the story of his convoluted assassination. One of the most peculiar novels to be published this year, Owen's work has been described by the *Irish Independent* as 'Irish fiction as we've rarely seen it...consistently smart, thought-provoking and well written.'

*The Garfield Conspiracy* will be followed by ***Quiet City*** by Philip Davison ('Ireland's best-kept secret', Bob Geldof) and ***The First Heresy*** by author and former TV presenter Eddie Hobbs. Ely's Arch will provide a clear focus for the company's fiction releases, which date back to the reissue of Leland Bardwell's classic *Girl on a Bicycle* in 2009.



All the company's fiction, both new and re-released backlist titles, will be published under the Ely's Arch imprint in the future. All non-fiction titles will continue to be published under the Liberties imprint.

**Seán O'Keeffe, Publisher at Liberties Press**, said: *"At a time of unprecedented turmoil in the publishing world, we are thrilled to be moving ahead with the next stage in the company's development and to launch our new fiction imprint. We are excited about our first three titles for 2021, and we can't wait to work on our future releases. We are grateful to Baker at [bplanb.co.uk](http://bplanb.co.uk), who designed the new Ely's Arch logo, and Linda Nel at Kode 88, who created the Ely's Arch website."*

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