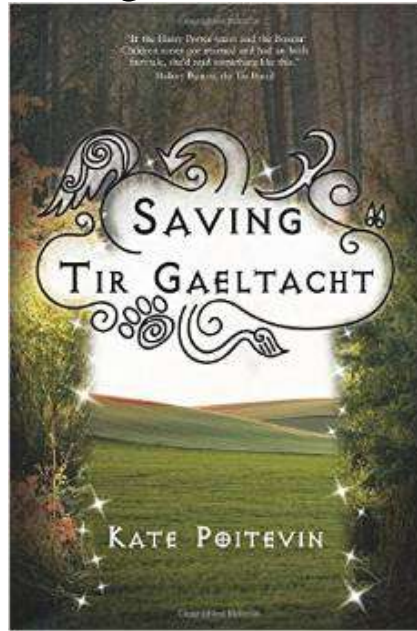


Saving Tir Gaeltacht



Kate Poitevin

Reviewed by Esther J. Hildahl

Saving Tir Gaeltacht (Tcheer GAUL toc) is the story of four siblings and their cousin who step through a portal into a strange new world; a world of discovery and adventure. With their bond-mates--a Dragon, a Gryffin, a Winged Horse, a White Stag, and a Giant Wolfe--they soon discover they are here to save this magical world from the evil queen who rules it, and eventually they go to war to help restore the kingdom to its rightful ruler.

Poitevin has written a wonderful, exciting story with well-defined characters and a great ending, which does not disappoint. I liked that she listed the cast of characters, with a little information on each one, and had a pronunciation guide at the end of her book. I would recommend this book for sixth-graders to adults or younger if read aloud. There is so much to this story that you will want to read it over and over again.

Available at Auntie's, Hastings on Wellesley and East Sprague, Amazon, and Kindle.

Reviewed by Sue Eller

Kate Poitevin weaves an adventure for children of all ages and skillfully entwines the modern world and a timeless one. She paints a vivid picture of life in an old Celtic realm and makes her readers feel as if they could step into the book and be transported there themselves. Rich with descriptions of the places, the people, and the other inhabitants of Tir Gaeltacht, the story itself moves her characters through situations common to us all, and gives them – and us – a chance to learn and grow.

Available at Hastings Books in Spokane and Coeur d'Alene, Auntie's Book Store in Spokane, amazon.com, and the trunk of Kate's car.

Reviewed by James Parry

An epic fantasy destined to become a classic. Ms. Poitevin immediately pulls the reader in. She fully develops each character, so much so that I felt as if I knew each personally. And the same with the setting: It was as if I had actually alighted in this Celtic land with the child warriors - and their bond-mates.

Beautiful, descriptive writing with a great ending. Reminded me of *The Chronicles of Narnia*. Would make a wonderful movie.

Reviewer Mallory Battista said it best: "If the Harry Potter series and the Boxcar Children series got married and had an Irish fairytale, she'd read something like this."

Reviewed by D. Andrew McChesney

On a summer camping trip, four children go on a dragon hunt with their grandmother. When a portal opens, they step through and immediately meet... a dragon. Thus begins the adventures of Taylor, Jordan, Zach and Zayne in the magical world of Tir Gaeltacht. That Celtic based world is in great danger and Taylor is expected to save it. Later joined by their cousin Gabe, they pair up with the dragon, a Gryffin, a flying horse, a giant Wolfe, and a white stag. With the help of people they meet, they set about rescuing the land from the evil queen's clutches.

I remember, as an elementary student, teachers reading stories to the class, a little every day, usually as class resumed after lunch. This is the ideal story to read in such fashion. It is long and complex enough to last for an entire semester, if not the entire school year. Third graders and beyond would find it exciting to visit the world Ms. Poitevin creates each and every day. Because I read on my lunch break, I digested this tale took in much the same way, a little bit each day. As I progressed through the story, I found myself not wanting to put it down and anxiously awaiting my next reading session. Although I was anxious for the plot to be resolved, I did not want the story to end.

Besides being an exciting story, Ms. Poitevin weaves in a great deal of Celtic/Gaelic culture, customs, and legend. *Saving Tir Gaeltacht* is available from amazon.com in hardcopy and on Kindle™. It is also available in select Spokane area book stores and from the author herself.

Reviewed by Robert Hildahl

I have read all three books of *Saving Tir Gaeltacht*. They tell the story of four young siblings who go on a hike and follow their younger brother, Zayne, through a portal into another world.

While there they find out they were expected all along and are needed to help save the country from an evil ruler. So with the help of their cousin, Gabe, and their bond-mates: a Dragon, a Gryffin, a Winged Horse, a White Stag, and a Giant Wolfe, they are off to help save the country from an evil Queen. They travel everywhere and have lots of adventures.

This is an excellent series that tells an exciting story. Kate Poitevin is a very good writer and has created interesting characters all throughout her books. I highly recommend these three books for school-age kids to adults.

(Editor's note: This was originally published as a single volume as shown above. Later it was re-issued as three separate books. The covers of those are shown below.)



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