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PENGUIN IRELAND ACQUIRES FIRST NOVEL BY KATHRYN HOLMQUIST

Penguin Ireland is delighted to announce that it has acquired **Kathryn Holmquist's** first novel which will be published in 2004.

Kate is a well-known *Irish Times* journalist who is highly regarded for her sensitive investigation and discussion of a wide range of health, parenting and education issues. Her previous book, the memoir *A Good Daughter*, was published by Raven Arts Press in 1991. This announcement marks a new departure in her writing: her novel for Penguin Ireland will be her first work of fiction.

Michael McLoughlin, Managing Director, Penguin Ireland says: "Kate is widely acknowledged as one of Ireland's best journalists and the qualities of insight and understanding she brings to her journalism, not to speak of her wonderful nuanced writing, are also apparent in her fiction. All of us here at Penguin Ireland are delighted that her first novel will be published by us."

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