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A Hundred Years A-Growing: A History of the Irish Girl Guides

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The Irish Girl Guides and Liberties Press are delighted to announce the timely publication of **A Hundred Years A-Growing: A History of the Irish Girl Guides** by Gillian Finan. Coinciding with the IGG centenary, this lavishly illustrated book, with images from the past 100 years, documents one of the best-known organisations in the country. With well-known personalities such as Sonia O'Sullivan, Kathryn Thomas, Una Healy, Myrtle Allen, Sr Stanislaus Kennedy, and former justice Catherine McGuinness, among the many former Guides, **A Hundred Years A-Growing** is a celebration of this youth-driven girl-only organisation.

About the Book: Exploring the events that have shaped the organisation during its first hundred years, **A Hundred Years A-Growing** looks at the challenges encountered by the Guides as they battled discrimination, poor funding and weak organisation, as well as the upheavals wrought by civil war and the world wars. The book examines the growing international aspects of the organisation and the way the core ethos of the Guides has remained unchanged through the years. Accompanied by hundreds of rare and unpublished photographs spanning the decades, we chart the Guides' development and contribution to Irish life.

Some of the thousands of Irish women who have been members of the Irish Girl Guides share their experiences of being part of the Guiding family. This superbly-illustrated book will make a wonderful gift for everyone who has ever been a Guide, and is a permanent record of an organisation entering its second century.

About the Author: Gillian Finan is a historian, and is currently completing a PhD in Irish History. She has previously written a history of the Irish Farmers' Journal to celebrate its 60th anniversary. Gillian has been a member of the Irish Girl Guides since she was a Brownie and has held many different leadership roles within the organisation throughout the years. At present she works part-time as a Regional Development Officer for the association.

About the Irish Girl Guides: With over 10,000 members throughout Ireland ranging in age from the Ladybirds of 5 – 7 years to Senior Branch members from 14½ – 26 years; the Irish Girl Guides offers an age-specific programme that's educational and fun, with a strong emphasis on the outdoors, community responsibility and teamwork. The Irish Girl Guides gives women an opportunity to develop leadership skills and to be challenged to their fullest potential.

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