

O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter

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A Very Happy Christmas to O'Malleys throughout the world!

A very Happy Christmas to all O'Malleys around the world from all of us here at The O'Malley Clan Association.

We hope you all have a happy, and safe Christmas, and a wonderful New Year.....(don't forget to start planning for The Annual O'Malley Clan Rally in Claregalway in June) Its only six months away now!!!)



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Welcome to our new newsletter from Our Chairman Brigid O'Malley

I am pleased to have this new O'Malley Clan Association Newsletter "O'Malley" from Our Chairman Brigid O'Malley. This newsletter will be published monthly. It will contain information on the O'Malley's in Ireland, the O'Malley's in the United States, and the O'Malley's in the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries. It will also contain information on the O'Malley's in the United States, and the O'Malley's in the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries. It will also contain information on the O'Malley's in the United States, and the O'Malley's in the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries.

Brigid Mary Shinnah Duggan O'Malley
Chairman O'Malley Clan Association



The New US Ambassador to Ireland Mr. Kevin P. O'Malley

The O'Malley Clan Association has been very fortunate to have Mr. Kevin P. O'Malley as its new US Ambassador to Ireland and his wife.

Mr. O'Malley has been serving as the US Ambassador to Ireland since 2005. He is a member of the O'Malley Clan Association and is a descendant of the O'Malley family.



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Get in touch and share your O'Malley Heritage!

Have you got an article or old photographs that you'd like to submit for future editions of "O Maille" The O'Malley Clan Association Newsletter.

We'd love to hear from you wherever you're based around the world. Old photographs and stories to go with them, old letters, family trees or just an arti-

cle that you'd like to share with the rest of the clan. Drop us a line and We'll get right to it!



Jennifer Rose McMahon, Author

Jennifer Rose McMahon is an Irish-American author, living in Boston with her husband from Salthill, Galway and their four children. Her novel, BOHERMORE, set in Galway and Mayo, is scheduled for release in April 2017 through City Owl Press in New York City.

Jennifer's grandfather, Patrick Joseph O'Malley immigrated to the States in the early 1900's from a farm in Claremorris, County Mayo. Jennifer studied abroad at NUIG, fondly remembered as UCG, and lived on Bohermore in Galway City. She became fascinated with Ireland's Pirate Queen, Grace O'Malley, and was determined to bring her out of the darkness of history and back into everyone's awareness. Jennifer's O'Malley heritage and love for Ireland and its medieval history have inspired her creativity and her writing.



BOHERMORE Blurb:

When your dreams become reality, being cursed can be a real nightmare.

Like a punch in the face, eighteen-year-old Maeve O'Malley's visions knock her off her path. The Pirate Queen stalking Maeve in her dreams, killed her mother years ago, and now is coming for her.

Maeve's decision to ditch Boston College takes everyone by surprise as she packs her bags, leaves Boston, and heads to the west coast of Ireland to chase her dreams – and end them.

Maeve uncovers an ancient family curse that refuses to remain silent until she accepts her predestined role in what many thought was only legend. Her Irish history professor – a man she shouldn't be falling for – is the only person who understands the origin of the tormenting events.

Maeve's journey becomes a medieval treasure hunt through Ireland's castles and ruins as she tracks the wrathful Pirate Queen who has her marked for vengeance...

How long did it take you to write BOHERMORE?

I'd actually been thinking about writing BOHERMORE for almost twenty years and then, like an epiphany, it flew out of me three years ago. The editing and publishing process have dragged it out a bit, but now it's more than ready for its debut.

Which parts of Ireland did you use for the setting?

The main character, Maeve O'Malley, travels through the west coast - starting in Galway, visiting Clare and then ending in Mayo. Several locations will be recognized by locals such as:

Galway: NUIG, Salthill-Black Rock, Lynch's Castle, Aran Islands-Dun Aengus, Eyre Square, MacSwiggan's pub, and 122 Bohermore.

Doolin: O'Connors, pink sweater shop, Pinnacle Well, round tower

Mayo: Westport House, Rockfleet Castle, Claremorris and Warde's Pub.

So, the Pirate Queen in your novel, is it safe to say it's Grace O'Malley?

At the risk of creating any spoilers, I'll tell only you, because you're an O'Malley. Yes, Grainne Ni Mhaille makes an appearance in BOHERMORE.

What kind of research did you need to do for BOHERMORE?

I used much of my personal experience and the things I loved most about my time in Ireland. The castles and ruins, as well as the legends and myths, were my favorite part. My imagination went wild any time I stepped foot in a medieval abbey or ancient cemetery with a sea of Celtic crosses.

I also read most of Anne Chambers' work and followed every link about Grace O'Malley I could find. That part was easy. Describing the perfect pint of Guinness...that was a labor of love.

Will you be writing anything else along these lines?

Yes. BOHERMORE is book one of the Pirate Queen Series. Book 2, INISH CLARE will be coming out in 2018 and Book 3, ROCKFLEET, is still in its infancy. The series follows Maeve's journey toward discovering her true family lineage and uncovering the curse that has plagued the O'Malley women for generations.

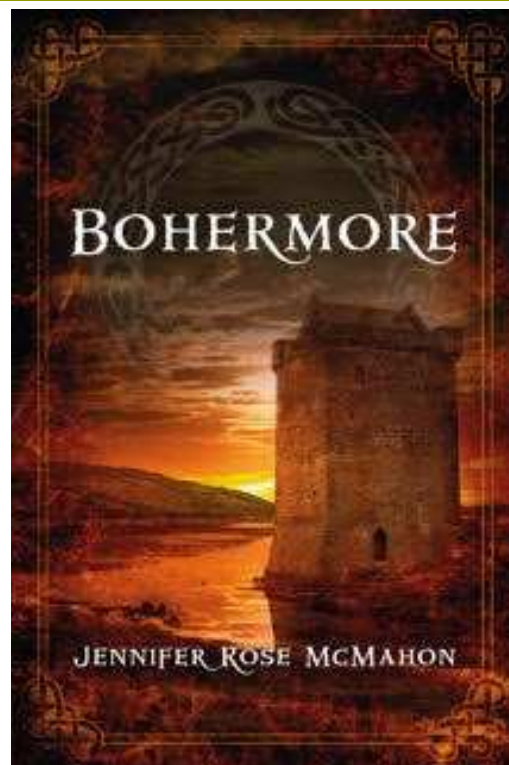
How can people contact you if they have questions about the series?

My website is a great way to connect with me. I have a CONTACT page for email and a link for signing up for my mailing list. Anyone who signs up for my mailing list will get the first three chapters of BOHERMORE for free.

www.jenniferrosemcmahon.com

In Summary:

Jennifer Rose McMahon will be attending the 2017 O'Malley Clan Rally and will perform a reading from BOHERMORE. Please say hello to her and she will be happy to answer any questions you may have about her books. Her visit to the west coast this summer will also include more research and castle visits for inspiration for books two and three of the Pirate Queen Series: INISH CLARE and ROCKFLEET.



Bohermore (an extract)

Rockfleet Castle:

The dark wooden door arched at the top, with a heavy metal ring for a knob—no lock, no bolt. It stood strong like a loyal castle guard. My heart beat faster as I stood in its shadow.

Paul grasped the rusty, weathered ring and heaved to goad the door open. It groaned in resistance as it reluctantly gave way to its uninvited guests. Air hissed through the first crack, releasing the pressure, making it easier to move.

As Paul pulled the stubborn door further, I stepped up to peer in through the crack, wondering what my first impression would be. I leaned forward, eyes adjusting to the darkness—and, like a sucker punch, was struck back by the agitated force of the wind.

The burst blasted through the open door with an energy that knocked me backward. Paul stood a couple feet away, unaffected by the violent gust, and watched as I stumbled. He leaned back in for a look through the door, confused. The wind surrounded me quickly and I lost sight of him.

Pushing into the squall, I squinted against the force. Tears tore from my eyes and trailed back into my hair. Arms outstretched, I pressed forward toward the open door until the gusts began to move around me, as if avoiding a protective force field. I had a clear view now and tracked sudden movement from deep within the castle, following it with precision as my heart pounded out of control. It took form as it filled the doorway. Tall with shoulders back and chin up, the figure moved with confidence and power. I recognized her immediately.

It was Grace O'Malley. Pirate Queen.

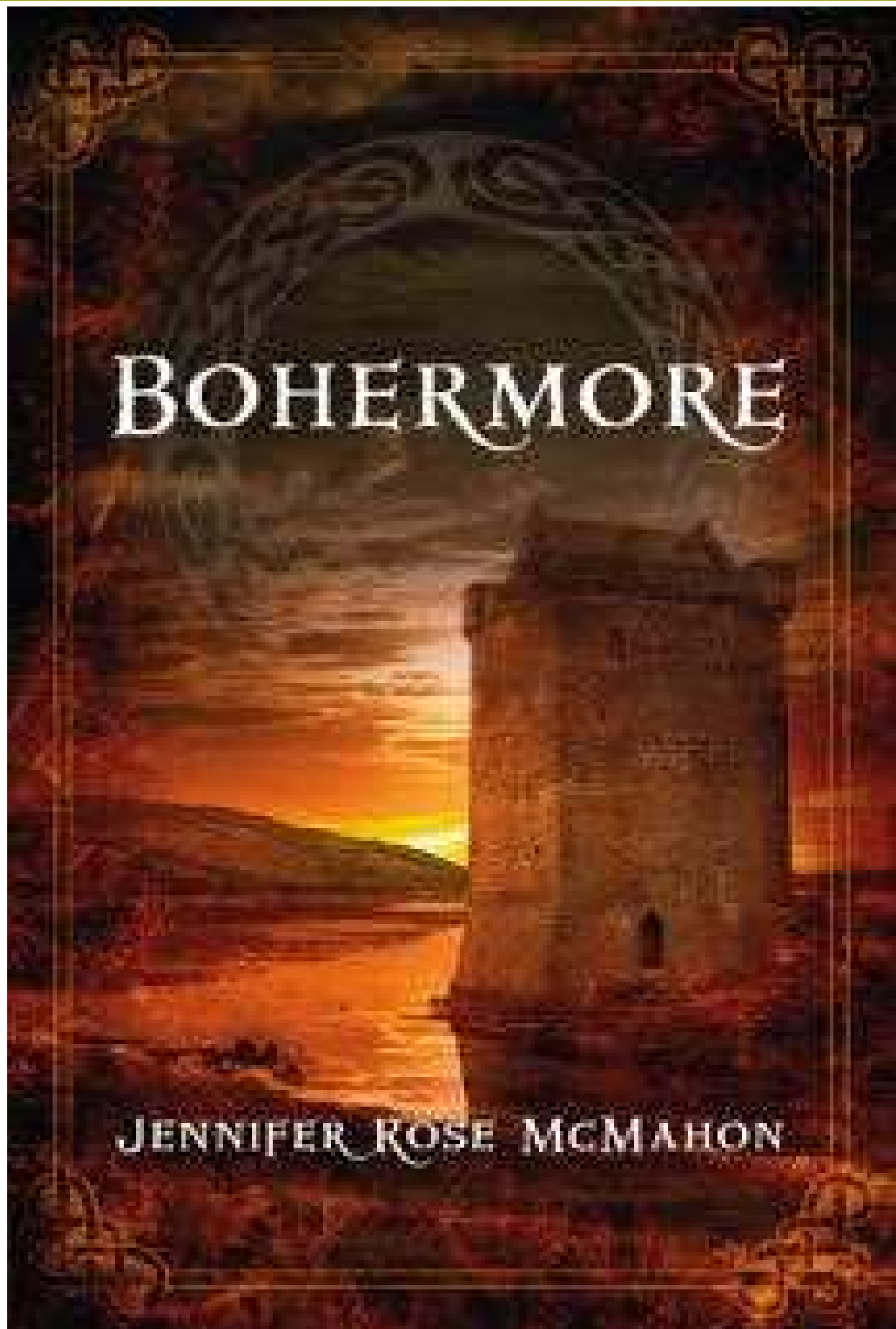
In a wide stance, she held her sword with two hands high above her head, ready to confront an aggressive intruder. Her dark cloak flapped around her body and the heavy chain and pendant around her neck emanated royalty. With her hair flying wildly about her, she searched, as if through centuries, for her assailant.

Tears poured from my eyes now as I gazed upon her intimidating posture and unworldly beauty. I froze to the core and stared, mouth hanging.

Then she saw me.

Like a missile detecting its target, her attention homed in on me. Her curled, bent expression of aggression filled me with terror as she lurched out of the castle, lunging toward me, sword drawn.

My mind and body instinctively shifted to defensive mode. My arms shot up to protect my body from the imminent blow as she came hurtling toward me. Swirls of smoke streamed behind her as she barreled forward, assuring me she'd plow right through and leave nothing but a pile of dust and broken pieces in her wake





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The O'Malley Clan Association aims to reach out to O'Malleys from all around the world and foster links between the O'Malleys around the globe and the clan at home here in Ireland.

The Clan Association formed in 1953 has been connecting O'Malleys around the world in The US and Canada, Britain, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, South America, and anywhere else you can think of for over 60 years now.

We hope with our new website, and newsletter, that We can go from strength to strength in our aim to connect all the O'Malleys around the world.

The O'Malley Clan Rally 23rd to 25th June 2017

The Annual O'Malley Clan Rally for 2017 takes place in beautiful Claregalway, County Galway on the weekend of the 23rd to 25th June 2017. It'll be a fabulous weekend for O'Malleys from all over the globe. Highlights will include Medieval Banquet, Castle Experience, Abbey Visits, Talks and Tours, music, dancing, ceol agus craic!

It's time to begin planning your trip, there's only 6 months to go!!!.

The full programme of events will be up on the website in the coming months, We hope to see you all there.

If you need any help with planning your trip, Or with further information on the Annual Rally, drop us a line by email (the address is at the top of this page), and We'll get back to you right away!

