

# *An American Seanchie: Home to Ireland and Beyond*

by  
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## **Early Words of Praise**

“I read your story spellbound. It is wonderful, delicious, full of love and hope. You have caught the spirit of this country. I think Ireland will jump and dance.”

Sev Bruyn, Ph. D., Professor Emeritus, Boston College  
Renowned author

“What beautiful images you have created! Your text reads like a film to me, rich in the texture of smells, visions and sensations both inner and outer...connecting to primordial spirits.”

Julia Byers, Ph. D., Former Dean, Expressive Therapies Dept.  
Lesley University Graduate School

“O'Hare elevates the exploration of “who we are” and “where we came from” to an art form. These poignant stories help us embrace our own deepest roots and what it means to belong.”

Edwin Merck, M.A., Former VP/CFO, Wheaton College  
Retired CEO, Future Perfect, Inc.

“I read the story last evening. I was surprised by my reaction. Now why would a story bring on those feelings? Maybe it reminded me of the simplicity of the early Irish values, or maybe that I'm now a grandfather figure like Granpa.”

Stephen O'Hara, business executive and first cousin

“‘Home of the Deer’ is wonderful. It was a delight that warmed my heart and brought a tear of remembrance to my eye. I most enjoyed ‘Leap of the Deer’ and thought I could join in the dance someday.”

Jim Belmont, an American member of the Hehir clan