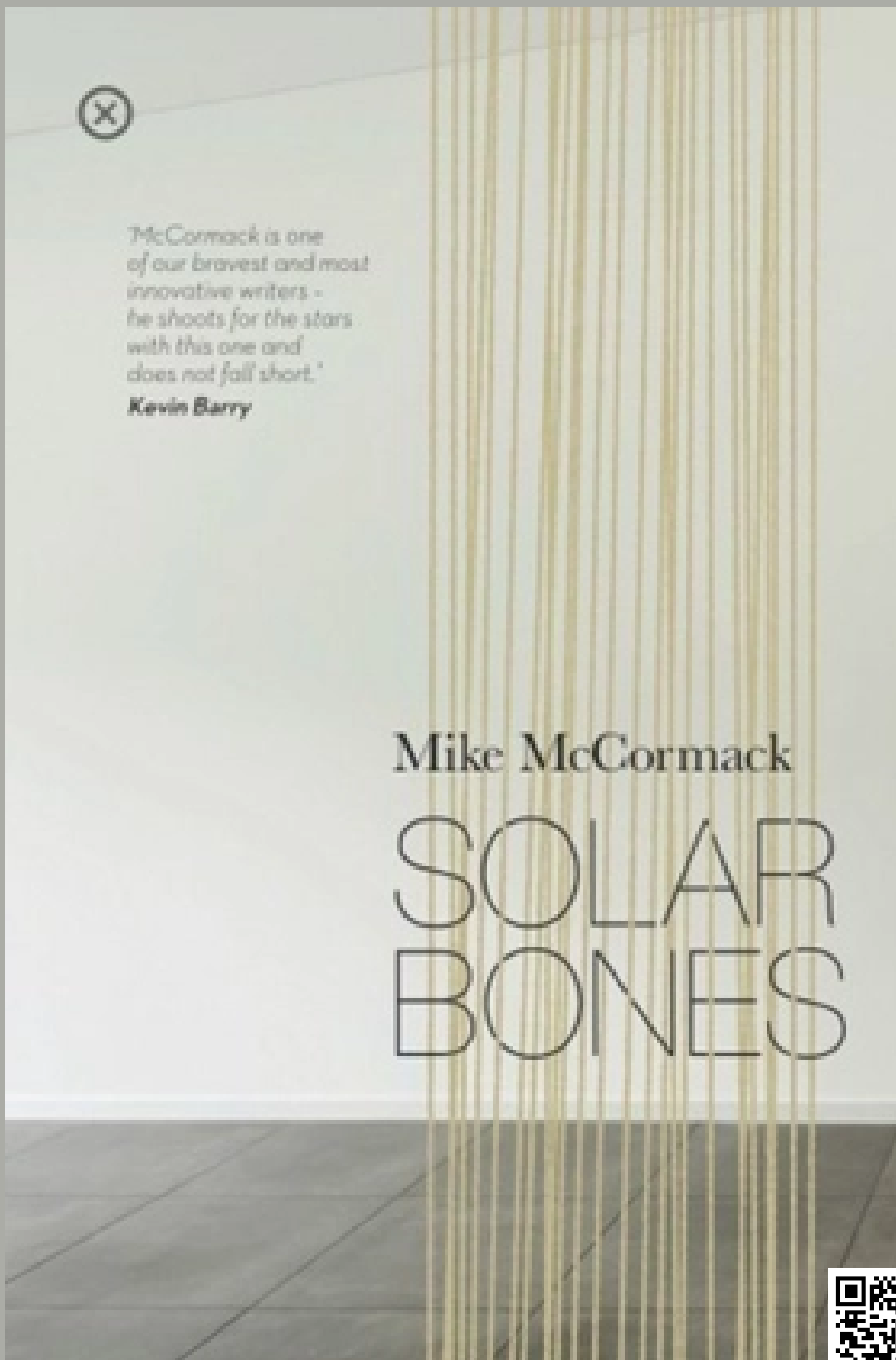


Meath County Council Library Service Book Club Kit



Notes To Readers



This kit was created for book clubs to use in their discussions of *Solar Bones* and contains spoilers

Content Warnings

Please be aware that *Solar Bones* contains content that may trigger including depictions of death and loss

Resources

This kit is available to download on our website

Reading Group Discussion Questions

Why do you think Conway lies to Darragh about Mairead's illness?

Conway does not want Moylette to build the school described in Section 4, why do you think this is?

Why does Conway leave the seminary?

Why does Conway like country music so much?

What does Conway remember his father doing every night at five o'clock?

What is Agnes wearing when she is "crucified"?

Why does Conway take Mairead's car to pick up her medicine?

When does Conway see Mairead's confidence begin to falter for the first time?

At dinner, described in Section 1, who drinks the water?

What does Conway do when he has a heart attack?

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About Mike McCormack



Mike McCormack is an award-winning novelist and short story writer from Mayo. In 2016 he won the Goldsmiths Prize, and the Irish Book Award Novel of the Year and Book of the Year prizes for *Solar Bones*. In 2018 *Solar Bones* also won the Dublin International Literary Award (formerly known as the IMPAC). The novel was also shortlisted for the Republic of Consciousness Prize and the Kerry Group Irish Novel Award. In 1996 he was awarded the Rooney Prize for Irish Literature and in 2007 he was awarded a Civitella Ranieri Fellowship. His previous work includes *Getting it in the Head* (1995), *Crowe's Requiem* (1998), *Notes from a Coma* (2005), which was shortlisted for the Irish Book of the Year Award, and *Forensic Songs* (2012). He lives in Galway.

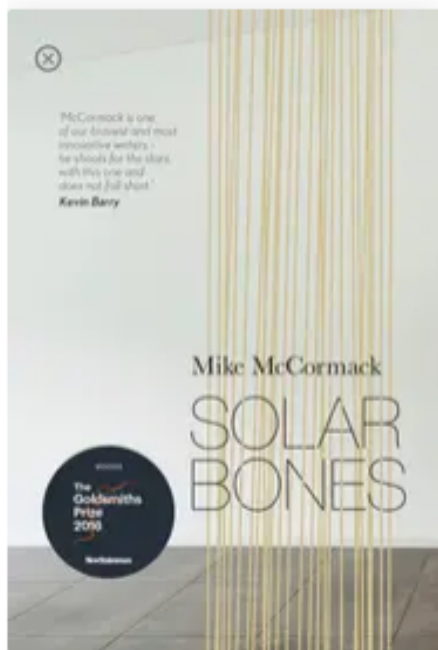
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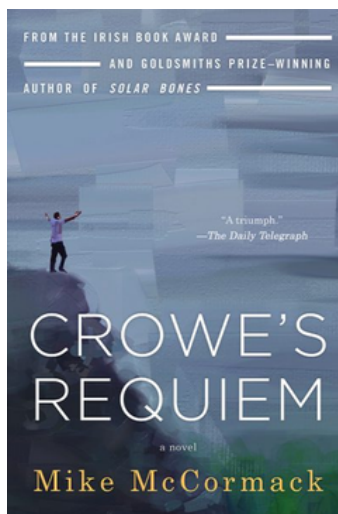
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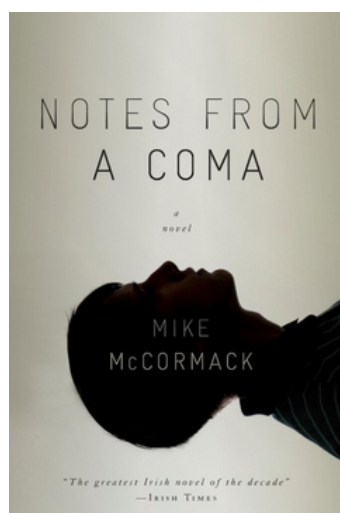
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Crowe is born in the remote village of Furnace in the West of Ireland and raised by his grandfather, a man of “madness and bullying love,” who teaches him grim lessons about existence. Entirely silent until his third birthday, Crowe becomes an observant and isolated teenager, eventually leaving Furnace for a large and bewildering city. There he meets a woman who will change his life and outlook, and also finds himself diagnosed with a rare and fatal aging disease.



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