

# Molly and the Shipwreck

Malachy Doyle and Andrew Whitson

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**New children's picture book discusses issues of community, asylum and settlement when three people are rescued from a small boat out in the stormy sea**

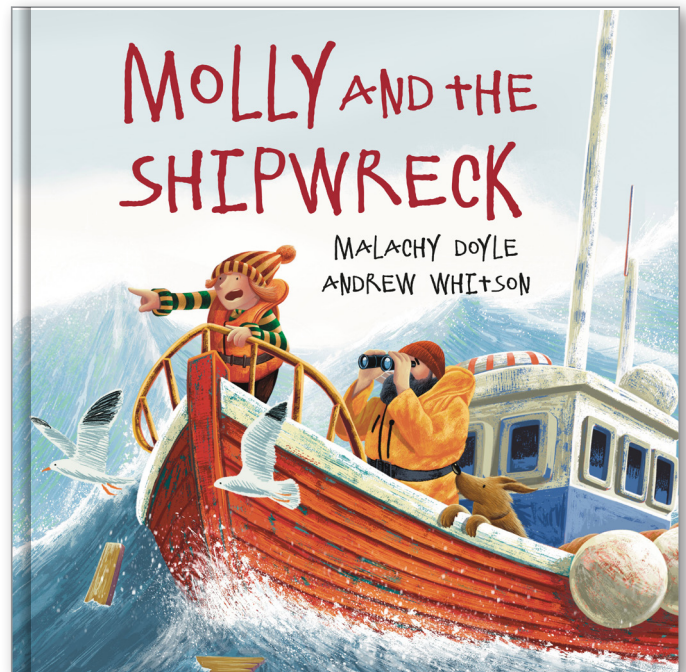
With immigration and asylum becoming increasingly important issues in today's society, *Molly and the Shipwreck* delicately addresses these topics making children more aware of the global situation, as well as facilitating discussion around them.

Poignantly handling themes of immigration and settlement and how the strength of friendship and community can overcome adversity, as author Malachy Doyle describes, *Molly and the Shipwreck* 'a story for our times, a tale of finding a place in our lives and in our hearts for those in need.'

Molly is a young girl who lives on an island off the coast with her family, friends and neighbours. When out fishing with her dad, Molly hears a cry for help and sees a woman and her children in a rickety old boat in danger of capsizing. Helping them ashore and giving them food and shelter for the night, Molly finds out the strangers are seeking a new home in a safe place and is determined to help them as they hope to be reunited with the father of the family. But a few weeks later, someone from the mainland threatens that they cannot stay. Will Molly and the islanders be able to help their new friends?

This moving story, accompanied by Andrew Whitson's characteristically detailed and colourful illustrations.

In collaboration with Irish publisher An tSnáthaid Mhór, *Molly and the Shipwreck* will be released simultaneously in three languages: English, Irish and Welsh.



## **Molly and the Shipwreck**

Author Malachy Doyle

Illustrator Andrew Whitson

Format Paperback, 250 x 250mm

Pages 36

Price £7.99

## **Praise for the Molly series:**

'A treat for children and the adults who share it with them' **Western Mail** (*Molly and the Stormy Sea*)

'The beautiful storyline and bright illustrations will delight readers of all ages.' **Children's Books Ireland, Recommended Reads 2019-20** (*Molly and the Whale*)

'A little hair-raising and utterly heart-warming, this book is a gem in both words and pictures.' **Myra Zepf, Arts Council Northern Ireland** (*Molly and the Lighthouse*)

'A comforting book to share with younger children about the lockdown and emotions and feelings around it, seen through the eyes of young Molly. Strong illustrations by Whitson.' **Sarah Webb, Irish Independent** (*Molly and the Lockdown*)

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### Other titles in the series:

- Molly and the Stormy Sea
- Molly and the Whale
- Molly and the Lighthouse
- Molly and the Lockdown

**Malachy Doyle** grew up by the sea in Northern Ireland, and after living in Wales for many years has returned to Ireland. Malachy has had well over a hundred books published, from pop-up books for toddlers to gritty teenage novels. Over the years he has won many prestigious book awards, and his work is available in around thirty languages. As well as the four previous stories in the Molly series, *Molly and the Stormy Sea*, *Molly and the Whale*, *Molly and the Lighthouse* and *Molly and the Lockdown*, his other books include *The Miracle of Hanukkah*, *Rama and Sita*, *Jack and the Jungle* and *Big Bad Biteasaurus* (Bloomsbury), *Fug and the Thumps* (Firefly Press), *Cinderfella* (Walker Books) and *Ootch Cootch* (Graffeg), which is illustrated by his daughter, Hannah Doyle.

**Andrew Whitson** is an award-winning artist and Belfast native who likes to be called Mr Ando! He lives in an old house which is nestled discreetly on the side of a misty hill at the edge of a magic wood, below an enchanted castle in the shadow of a giant's nose. His house looks down over Belfast Harbour, where the Titanic was built, and up at the Belfast Cavehill, where an American B-17 Flying Fortress bomber plane once crashed during World War II! Mr Ando has illustrated over twenty books under his own name, the most recent of which being the Molly series with Malachy Doyle and the award-winning Rita series of picture books with Myra Zepf.

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