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Ancient Norwegian and Irish Mythology in a Contemporary World

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Author Kathryn Berryman found herself returning to one particular book. Drawn by its primal beauty, the illuminated work was fascinating, worthy of admiration and respect. The book was the *Book of Kells* and Kathryn had no idea that this experience would eventually lead her to write the fantasy novel, *Erinland*.

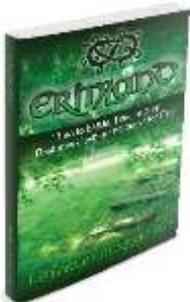
Ready for a new direction in life, Kathryn left work and began the inspiring and challenging experience of parenthood. Amidst busy family life and studying to become a teacher *Erinland* receded into the mist, waiting in the wings and biding its time. Once her children had finished school and began their adult lives she delved back into the world of *Erinland*. Kathryn worked hard nurturing her 'first child' to maturity, twenty-four years after its conception.

Kathryn merged the history and mythology of ancient Norway and Ireland with the contemporary world, threading them into a rich tapestry of believable characters. Her mother's Irish heritage, and the remembered stories from her childhood prompted the visit to Ireland where her own quest to bring *Erinland* to life began.

Searching for acceptance and self-belief, the central characters of *Erinland* find themselves on a voyage of personal development. In keeping with this theme, Kathryn is donating 10% of every copy sold to support Father Chris Riley's 'Youth Off the Streets.'

The book launch for *Erinland* will be held at Mahratta in New South Wales on the 29th of January 2017.

Kathryn will be promoting *Erinland* at various bookshops and libraries by engaging with readers through speaking events and book signings etc.



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