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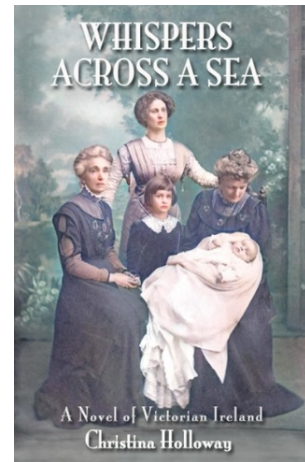
**Palo Alto Leader’s Debut Novel *Whispers Across a Sea*:
From Peninsula Environmental Advocacy to Irish-American Family Saga**

Palo Alto, Calif. (March 27, 2024) – *Whispers Across a Sea*, the debut novel by 85-year-old S.F. Bay Area environmental activist Christina Holloway, is a sweeping family saga that takes the reader from Victorian Ireland to Canada and ultimately California, through the lives of three generations of the author’s Anglo-Irish family in the late 1800s.

Whispers Across a Sea will be released by CAH Publishing in paperback and as an e-book on April 23, 2024. It is currently available for pre-order on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

Note to reviewers: Review copies are available on request.

Based on the true story of her own family, Holloway’s carefully researched and vividly imagined historical novel brings the reader into late nineteenth century Ireland—a time of vast privilege, inequality, and turmoil. The Irish quest for independence after centuries of oppression under British rule provides the backdrop of economic and political upheaval that shapes the paths of Holloway’s forebears. Within the Young family home, the Irish servants make sure the lives of the Youngs remain comfortable while silently observing their employers’ detachment from the realities of life in Ireland, where a lengthy violent struggle is beginning. How will the family evolve in the ever-changing social and political landscape of the country they call home?



Kirkus Reviews calls *Whispers Across a Sea*, “A well-told immigrant story with fully realized characters...Holloway tells the story ... with impressive grace and insight.”

About Christina Holloway

At age 85, the publication of her debut novel *Whispers Across a Sea* is the completion of a dream for Christina Holloway, who is known mainly as a local environmental leader and activist through Environmental Volunteers, Hidden Villa, Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST), the Yosemite Conservancy and the Junior League. Holloway spent ten years researching her Anglo-Irish family and the history surrounding their lives. From her grandmother Lucie, the author inherited a treasure trove of family letters, memorabilia, a fascination for Irish history and the keen ability to tell the family story. The result is a heart-warming tale of the discovery of shared humanity in an uncertain and changing world. She lives on the Stanford University campus with her husband, Chuck Holloway, professor emeritus at the Graduate School of Business. They have three children and seven grandchildren.



Praise for *Whispers Across a Sea*

“Holloway’s multigenerational novel of a Victorian Anglo-Irish family, based on the author’s family history, tells a story of good people living in difficult, changing times... Over the course of this novel, Holloway tells the story of the Youngs and Gossetts with impressive grace and insight, drawing on the story of her grandmother, Lucie Niven Franz, whom she knew before her death in California in 1949, and this personal element enriches the chronicle...A well-told immigrant story with fully realized characters.”

- Kirkus Reviews

“Inspired by the stories of her ancestral past - those shared and unearthed – Christina Holloway takes us back in time and across generations in this tender, colorful reimagining of her Anglo-Irish roots.”

- Georgia Hunter, author of *We Were the Lucky Ones*

“The narrative flows like a stream into an Irish world of the past full of color, spirit, and a medley of distinctive characters. As one family’s story intermingles with its surrounding local and national histories, a bygone time comes alive on the page as if by magic or incantation.”

-Robert Pogue Harrison, Rosina Pierotti Professor of French and Italian Literature at Stanford University, author of *Gardens: An Essay on the Human Condition*

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For more information on *Whispers Across a Sea* and Christina Holloway visit www.christinahollowayauthor.com.

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