



## Poetry Review

Edward Boyne, *The Day of Three Swans*, Inverin, Co. Galway, 2010, 72pp. ISBN 978-1-907682-02-5, price (paperback) Euros 12; [www.doirepress.com](http://www.doirepress.com).

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It is not too much to say but here is a book of poems I have been waiting for. There is an immediacy in Boyne's poetry that demands one to continue reading; and one is not disappointed when one does.

The poem 'Kilmichael for Tourists', inspired by a review in *The Times* of a massacre in 1920, for example, brings one up so short, so really, that one cannot do anything but research the event further, and be amazed at how the poet has brought one to this point.

Poem after poem in this book takes the reader into their psyche, and does not depart before they have wrung out every drop of empathic juice for the cause for which the poem has been created.

The skill and the tenacity evident in these poems deserve the widest possible audience. I salute Edward Boyne and I salute his book.

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