

THE KATIE FLYNN

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N E W S L E T T E R

Hello Everyone!

A Kiss and a Promise is a romantic story, set partly in Liverpool and partly on the west coast of Ireland. Tinkers come into it, and a horrible old grandmother and a schoolteacher who doesn't mean to fall in love with anyone; some chance she has once I've got my hands on her!

I start a story by choosing names for my main characters; which is very important because if I pick the wrong names the story won't 'jell'. Then I decide on the year and the season in which the story will start. I love weather because it creates atmosphere; a storm is good but so is a hot day with the sunshine cracking the paving stones, or a heavy fall of rain and a child soaked to the skin.

At the start, I don't know my characters very well but soon they are friends and I would recognise them if I met them on the street – and I hope you would, too!

All best wishes

Katie Flynn



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A Kiss and a Promise

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Liverpool 1917:

Michael Gallagher is an Irish seaman, fighting for the Royal Navy. He comes ashore in Liverpool when his ship needs repairs and meets lovely young Stella Bennett on the quayside, searching for her lost kitten.

The young couple fall in love and want to marry but the Bennetts have other plans for Stella and when she gives birth to a baby, Ginny, Michael is dismayed by the child's ginger hair and convinced she is not his.

He returns to Ireland, leaving the slovenly Granny Bennett to rear Ginny. The child accepts her lot, expecting little from life but knows that, in order to escape from the slums, she must attend school. Granny Bennett prefers Ginny to skivvy for her, but when a sympathetic teacher, Mabel Derbyshire, comes into her life, Ginny decides she must better herself and the obvious way to do so is to find her father . . .



Katie Flynn's next book, *Two Penn'orth of Sky*, will be published on 15th July 2004

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G P B L G E A U B G T Q T P G
K E C L I L S A K E G O T E A
G A W N L V D I E E Z B E D L
A K T E V P E R M F L Y N N L
X E T I E M T R D O Q H N K A
A S D N E S C W P D R Q E I G
K T N J Y T B B U O K P B S H
I Y V S A R R O W B O O K S E
B F I R E B M E V O N L J K R
N A F G J H Q J H W A Z H P U
D Z K Z T D I L Z F N E Y P J
P C I U L M G A V O Y K W U E
A F O Z X F Y X X U O K V I M
D M Z A T E S K J X W G M W C
F T Z I C S J T L Y A B Z J O

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ARROWBOOKS
BADPENNY
BENNETT
DAISYSTREET
FLYNN
GALLAGHER

KATIE
KISS
LIVERPOOL
NOVEMBER
PROMISE
STELLA

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What is the name of Ginny's sympathetic teacher?

Reader questions

Question 1: *Who is your favourite author?*

My favourite author is Georgette Heyer, her Regency novels. I admire her style, her humour, and the sheer cleverness of her story telling. I love the frothy romances, but best of all I like the ones with a bit of crime mixed in . . . my favourite is *The Toll Gate* with its huge hero and enormous heroine!

Question 2: *Do you have a favourite amongst your own books?*

The book I like best from my own work is *Strawberry Fields*. The child, Polly, is adorable, fitting snugly into the O'Brady family and yet never quite forgetting her sister Jess, who had shown her such selfless devotion.

Polly is surrounded by love, unlike the rich Sara Cordwainer, but their paths are destined to meet . . .

Questions for Katie Flynn

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