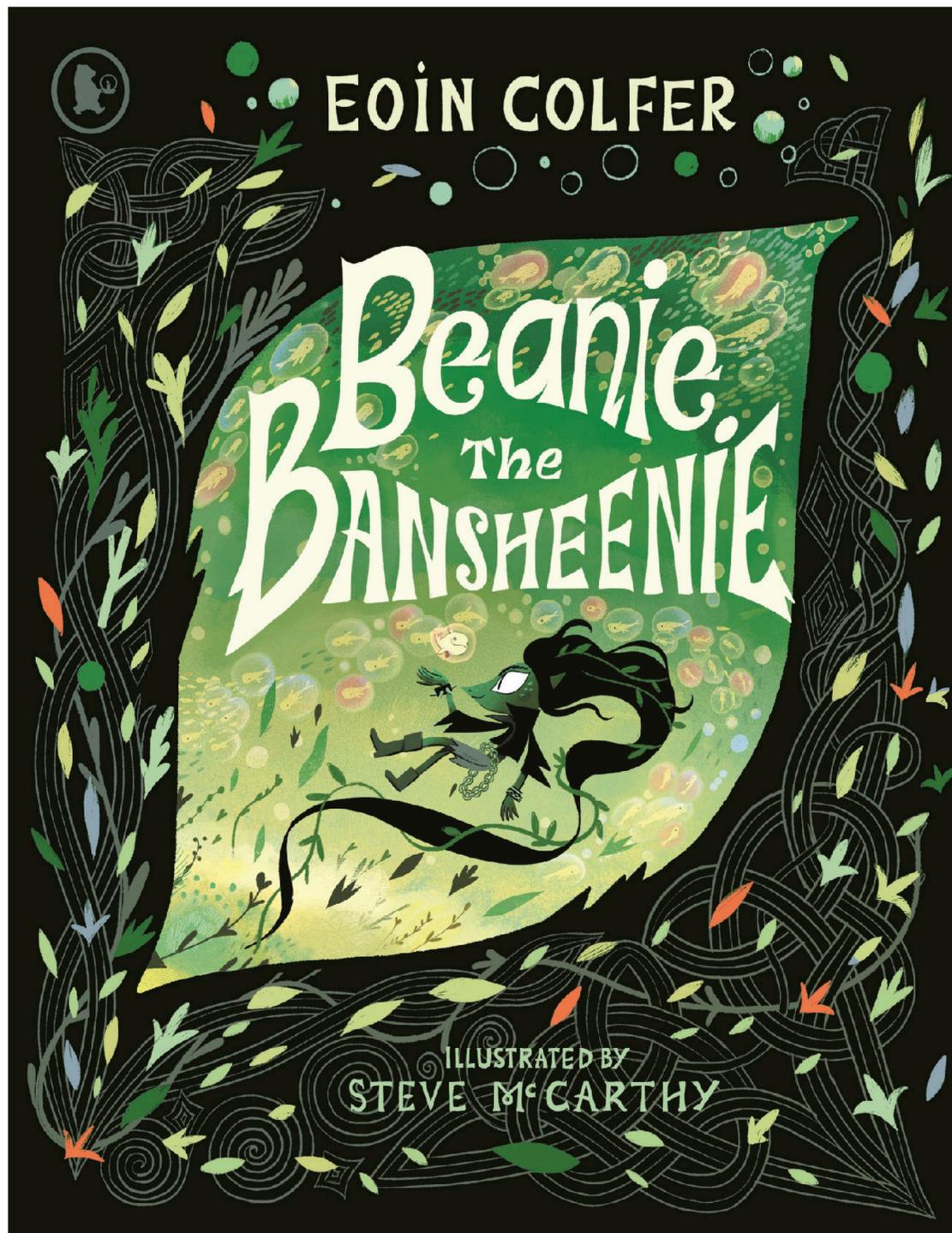


The Carnegies



The Carnegie Longlist 2026 Shadowing Resources



Beanie The Bansheenie

Carnegie Medal for Illustration

Illustrator: Steve McCarthy

Age range: 7+

Description:

A Imagining the origins of the Banshees of Irish folklore as babies or Bansheemies. Rather than being portents of doom, Beanie decides she wants to find a way to protect her person, Rose, and her family. Vivid visual storytelling, a limited colour palette, intertextual filmic elements and use of silhouette create a memorable and immersive setting which draws on traditional Celtic motifs using a contemporary lens. Quite literally an immersive read with many spreads being set underwater!

Themes:

- Folklore
- Friendship
- Humour

Shadowing Ideas:

1. Make a fairy garden with Beanie's fairy bridge as the centrepiece. You could even include Beanie's pod underneath it or the atom fish in the ditch below.
2. Celtic knotwork is a recurring motif in the book. Find a drawing tutorial online and familiarise yourself with some of the common patterns. Can you design a friendship bracelet for Rose and Beanie using your new knowledge about Celtic art? What designs would you include if you were making a bracelet for your own friend?
3. Create a Celtic knot using pipe cleaners. Using two different colours, see if you can assemble the Triquetra, or Trinity Knot.