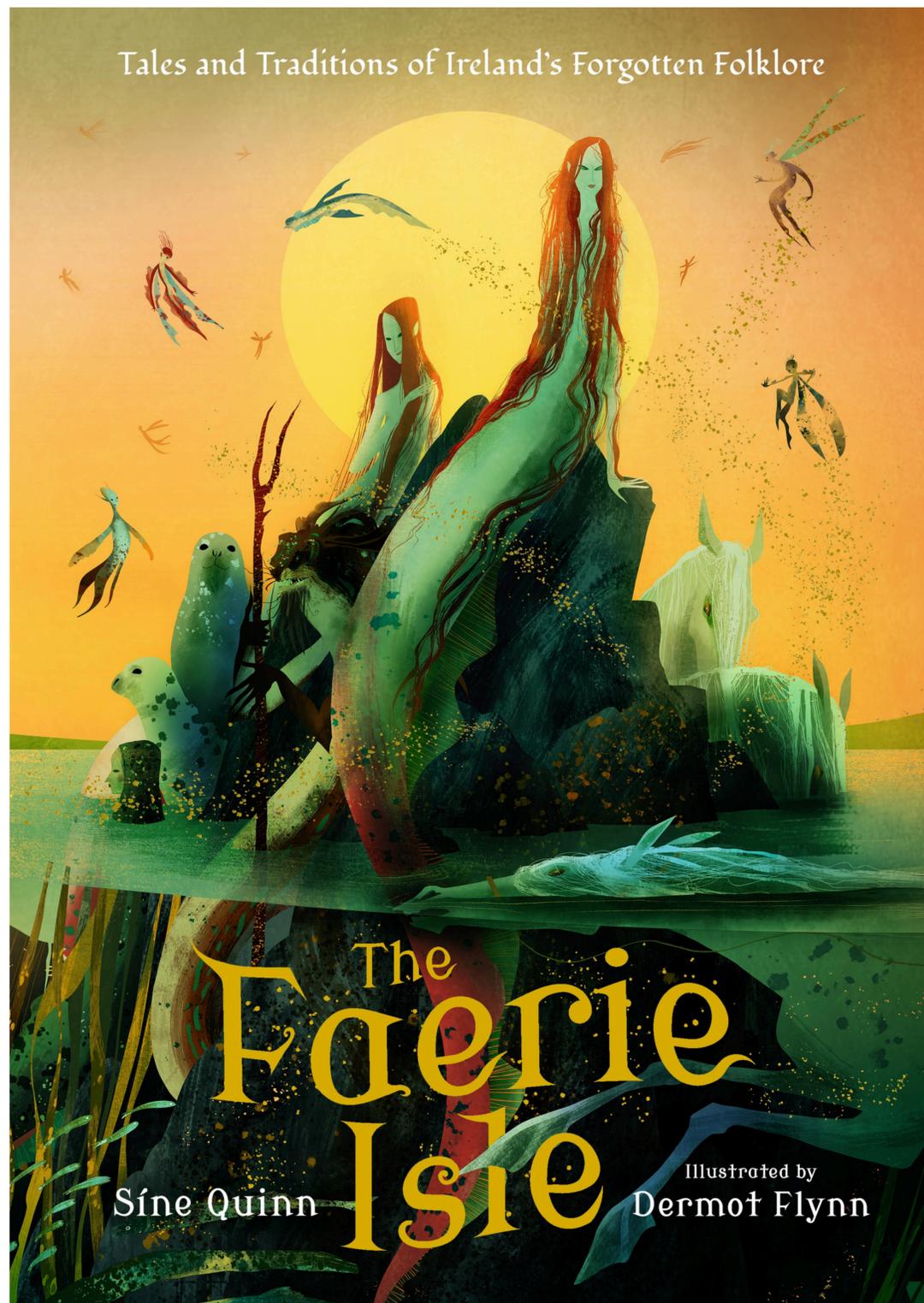


# The Carnegies



## The Carnegie Longlist 2026 Shadowing Resources



# The Faerie Isle

## Carnegie Medal for Illustration

**Illustrator: Dermot Flynn**

**Age range: 10+**

### Description:

A richly illustrated compendium of Celtic folklore and fairy tales with an eerie otherworldly quality. From selkies, to shapeshifters, there's an array of different fairy folk populating the pages. There's a darkness to the Celtic folklore which is reflected in the considered use of light and shade within the illustrations. The style is sharp, graphic and achieves both an ancient and timeless feel.

Themes:

- Celtic mythology
- Fairies
- Ireland
- Folklore

### Shadowing Ideas:

1. Are you familiar with any of the creatures in the book? Which ones are new to you? Does your family or community have similar stories or do you know of other versions of these creatures from around the world?
2. Create your own faerie. What do they look like? What characteristics do they have? Where do they live? Look at the colours used in the book. What do they say about the environment in which they live? What colours will you choose for your creature?
3. Fionn mac Cumhaill is famous for building the Giants Causeway in County Antrim in Northern Ireland. It is said to stretch from Antrim all the way across to Scotland. Design a causeway that covers the space between two points in your library or classroom. What materials would you use to create something that is sturdy and secure? If you can safely do so, have a go at building your causeway. Can you make it all the way across without touching the floor?