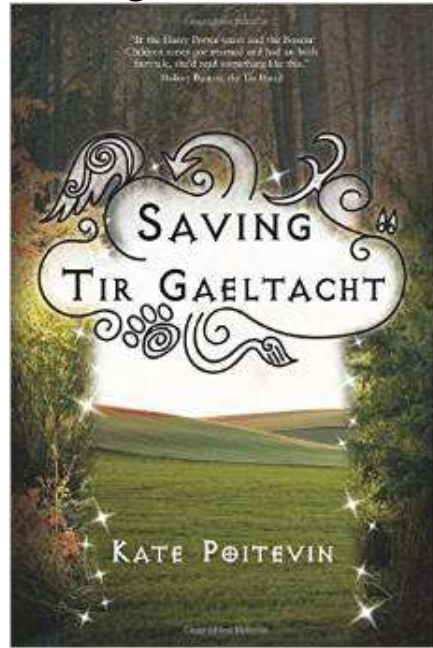


Saving Tir Gaeltacht



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On a summer camping trip, four children go on a dragon hunt with their grandmother. When a portal opens, they step through and immediately meet... a dragon. Thus begins the adventures of Taylor, Jordan, Zach and Zayne in the magical world of Tir Gaeltacht. That Celtic based world is in great danger and Taylor is expected to save it. Later joined by their cousin Gabe, they pair up with the dragon, a Gryffin, a flying horse, a giant Wolfe, and a white stag. With the help of people they meet, they set about rescuing the land from the evil queen's clutches.

I remember, as an elementary student, teachers reading stories to the class, a little every day, usually as class resumed after lunch. This is the ideal story to read in such fashion. It is long and complex enough to last for an entire semester, if not the entire school year. Third graders and beyond would find it exciting to visit the world Ms. Poitevin creates each and every day. Because I read on my lunch break, I digested this tale took in much the same way, a little bit each day. As I progressed through the story, I found myself not wanting to put it down and anxiously awaiting my next reading session. Although I was anxious for the plot to be resolved, I did not want the story to end.

Besides being an exciting story, Ms. Poitevin weaves in a great deal of Celtic/Gaelic culture, customs, and legend. *Saving Tir Gaeltacht* is available from amazon.com in hardcopy and on Kindle™. It is also available in select Spokane area book stores and from the author herself.