



Enduring the Waves

A Novel by Jill Ocone

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Protagonist Kelly Lynch navigates the seas of friendship and the storms of grief as she ebbs and flows along a journey of self-discovery.

As Waterville High School's newest English teacher, Kelly Lynch befriends fellow educator and James Joyce enthusiast Shannon Moran. While Kelly grapples with deep scars from her past, she struggles to balance her active life as a teacher and her stagnant marriage to shiftless alcoholic Wayne Coopersmith. Shannon's encouragement resurrects Kelly's passion for writing, while Kelly inspires Shannon to pursue her lifelong dream of studying in Dublin, Ireland.

After two devastating events fracture Kelly's life, she searches for meaning in her grief by following a trail of mysterious clues that guide her from the New Jersey shore to Dublin.

Sparks ignite her long-dormant creativity and a raging inferno in her heart while on the Emerald Isle as two unsuspecting Dubliners combine forces to hearten Kelly's awakening. She returns home to the Jersey Shore having endured the waves spurred by her past, present, and future and ready to pursue her true calling.

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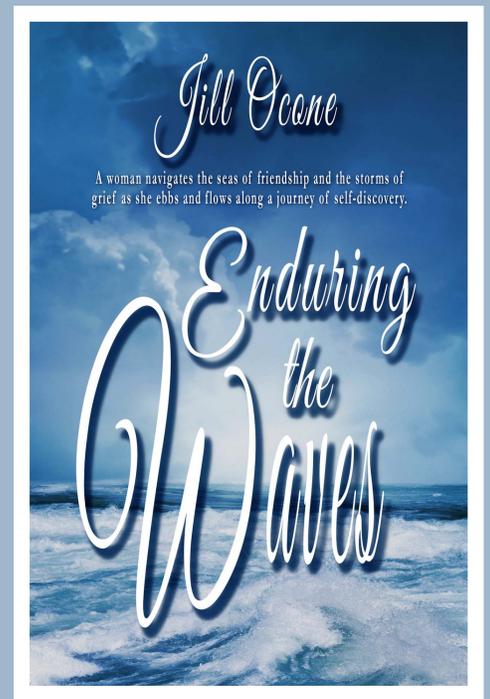
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EXCERPT

I trail that red hair like a bloodhound. Shannon's doppelganger expertly threads between the vehicular traffic then weaves through the innumerable people on Grafton. I fall in step behind her and panic for a split second when I momentarily lose sight of her, but then the hair darts left onto Duke Street and into a place called Davy Byrnes. I loiter outside the pub with the oddly familiar name.

Well, here goes nothing.

I casually stroll through the mostly empty pub like a detective looking for a missing person. My gaze scours the entire establishment, but I don't spot the mystery woman.

She's got to be in here, so I will wait it out.

After sitting on a stool where I can see almost every high-traffic area, the bartender asks with a fabulous Irish accent, "What'll it be, love?"

"What kind of soft drinks do you have?" I absently inquire while combing through my wallet for money.

"For minerals, I have cola, lemon lime, orange, and of course, beer and whiskey if you feel so inclined."

"Orange, please."

"As you wish." He fills a glass with ice and places it in front of me along with an open glass bottle. I hand him three euros, and when his hazel eyes meet mine, he slaps his palm against his forehead. "Go way outta that, weren't you over by Parnell Square earlier today?"

I am face to face with the chestnut-haired puddle jumper I encountered in front of the Dublin Writers Museum.

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- life and death
- darkness and light
- navigating the mysteries of grief
- pursuing one's passion
- searching for meaning
- signs from the universe

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