

## A Deathly Irish Secret: A Blanche Murningham Mystery

**Nancy Nau Sullivan**

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A journalist uncovers a bloody murder during a trip to Ireland in Nancy Nau Sullivan's novel *A Deathly Irish Secret*.

Five years after her grandmother Maeve's death, Blanche is still discovering items that Maeve left behind, including cryptic notes in her home. Following the trail of clues to Ireland, Blanche is caught up in a different kind of mystery: a murder in which Blanche herself is the prime suspect. With just two weeks to spend on the Emerald Isle, she has to work fast—and watch her back—to clear her name and catch a killer.

Blanche makes the trip to Ireland with her cousin Haasi, whose cool head makes her a fun foil for Blanche and her hot temper. Together, they comb a quaint village full of suspects and secrets to solve the recent murder and a case long gone cold. They stay in Dunfaedan, a centuries-old castle that Blanche inherited a small share of and from where they explore the beautiful scenery and partake of hearty Irish cuisine.

Dunfaedan is also the site of the smarmy castle agent's demise. He was disliked by almost everyone, so his death, though mysterious, is not a surprise. With her own neck on the line, Blanche delves deeper into his unsavory history, unearthing information that someone would prefer stay buried. Along the way, she faces various dangers, including quicksand-evocative bogs, desperate suspects, and her own insatiable curiosity. As a journalist, she may have a nose for finding trouble, but getting out of it is another matter: Blanche and Haasi have to rely on each other's loyalty and wits to solve both crimes.

Part of a series, *A Deathly Irish Secret* is a cozy mystery novel set in an idyllic yet treacherous Irish village.

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