

Has Dolphin Song Been ‘Censored’ by Amazon UK?

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(Eyeries, Beara Peninsula, County Cork, Ireland) People living in the Republic of Ireland are being blocked by Amazon.co.uk from purchasing the newly-released Irish romantic fantasy novel, [Dolphin Song by Tom Richards](#). Customer complaints received by Ireland-based Storylines Entertainment Ltd, publisher of the book, indicate the level of the problem.

“Irish readers are experiencing frustration with Amazon.co.uk when trying to purchase the paperback edition of the novel online,” author Tom Richards explains. “The online notification reads: ‘Temporarily out of stock. We are working hard to be back in stock as soon as possible.’ That’s ridiculous. This is a print on demand publication. Print on demand means that a book is never out of stock.”

Americans and Other Markets Can Place Orders

Readers living in the United States, the UK, and other global locations are able to order, and receive delivery of, the paperback. Since launching on Monday, 9 August 2021, the paperback format of Dolphin Song has leaped to Number 16 in Amazon.com’s Contemporary British & Irish Literature category due to sales generated in the United States.

When the author contacted Amazon UK via KDP, Amazon’s online publisher, for an explanation regarding Irish customers’ inability to order the novel over Amazon.co.uk, KDP suggested that Brexit was the problem.

“They keep replying with inadequate explanations, and seem unwilling or unable to fix this problem,” Richards adds. “The launch period for any novel is critically important to its possible success. We’ve spent a great deal of time and financial resources in planning the release. The last thing we wanted was to disappoint Irish readers.”

Are Other Irish Novelists Affected?

Many Irish writers use Amazon.co.uk to promote, publish and deliver their books to Irish customers. Richards worries that other authors and readers living in the Republic of Ireland are also being affected. “The whole thing smacks of censorship. This is the first time I’ve realized that Brexit seems to have had an impact on the freedom of free speech and artistic expression. Why are Irish readers denied the freedom of choice to purchase a book from the United Kingdom? It not only makes no sense, it’s also an outrage.”

The author and his publisher are continuing their discussions with Amazon.co.uk, and plan to contact Irish government officials and the media in hopes of resolving the issue. Irish residents wanting to order the paperback format of Dolphin Song by Tom Richards, but find that they are unable to

complete the order, should lodge a complaint with Amazon.co.uk Customer Service:
https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/help/customer/contact-us?ie=UTF8&ref=hp_ss_v3_cu_t4&.
Alternatively, they can contact the author via his website: <http://tomrichards.ie/contact/>

This is a continuing story.

About Dolphin Song by Tom Richards

Dolphin Song is a new Irish Romantic fantasy novel set on Ireland's stunning Beara Peninsula. Go to www.tomrichards.ie for more information.

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