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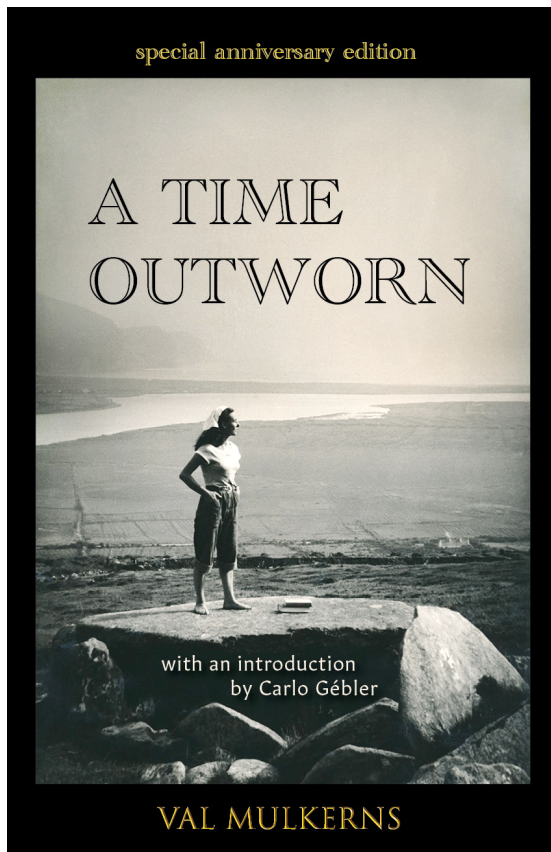
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A special new edition of:

A TIME OUTWORN

By Val Mulherns

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Valentine's Day 2025 marks the centenary of the birth of Irish writer [Val Mulherns](#), and to celebrate 451 Editions brings out a special edition of her first novel, *A Time Outworn*.

Published by Chatto and Windus in 1951, it's the story of a young woman coming of age in post Second World War Ireland. *The New York Times* praised it as "written in a cool and lovely prose". *The Irish Times* called it "a sensitive, intelligent first novel".

Frank O'Connor, in a piece commissioned by Harpers Bazaar, wrote: "the prose is the sort that only a woman of genius can write, with every word like a dart at a target."

Carlo Gébler, in his foreword to the new edition, writes: "There are few if any equivalent Irish novels written and published in the period with the breadth of interests in all senses that are on display in *A Time Outworn*."

Val Mulherns went on to write ten more books, becoming a renowned voice in Irish literature, and a member of Aosdána. Her most recent publications were *Memory and Desire* (collected short stories) and an elegant memoir, *Friends with the Enemy*, which she launched with a public reading just weeks before her death in 2018.

The anniversary edition will have a foreword by Carlo Gébler, and an introduction drawn from Mulherns's late 1940s diaries, by her daughter Maev Kennedy. Pre-publication proofs will be available to literary editors and reviewers, and both the paperback and eBook editions will be available from all good bookshop websites internationally, and in select Irish bookshops.

The official publication date will be February 14 2025, to celebrate the centenary of Val Mulherns's birth on February 14 1925.

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