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New YA Queer Romance Explores Grief, Deaf Identity, and the Quiet Power of First Love

Title: *The Sound of You*

Author: Simon Doyle

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Pre-order Link: <https://simondoylebooks.com/the-sound-of-you-by-simon-doyle/>

Genres: LGBTQ+ Young Adult, Contemporary Romance, Coming-of-Age

DUBLIN, IRELAND – June 2025 – Author Simon Doyle, celebrated for his *Snow Boys* and *This Is Not a Vampire Story*, returns with a moving new novel: *The Sound of You*, a tender and emotional coming-of-age story about grief, identity, and unexpected connection.

Releasing on July 22, **The Sound of You** follows sixteen-year-old Owen Kelly as he struggles to navigate the silence left behind after the death of his grandfather. When he meets Jun-ho Lee, a Deaf Korean-Irish boy who communicates mostly through Irish Sign Language, the two begin a slow-burn friendship that challenges them both to listen in new ways—to themselves, and to each other.

Told through Owen’s quiet, introspective voice, the novel explores found family, silent strength, and the kind of love that doesn’t always need words. Doyle blends lyrical prose with heartfelt authenticity, crafting a story that resonates with anyone who’s ever felt unheard.

“*The Sound of You* is about learning to speak again after loss,” Doyle explains. “It’s about art, silence, and queer love—but more than anything, it’s about the spaces between us, and how we fill them with meaning.”

About the Author

Simon Doyle is the author of *Snow Boys* and *This Is Not a Vampire Story*. Based in Ireland, he writes heartfelt LGBTQ+ fiction exploring themes of identity, loss, and connection. When not writing, he shares his home with a neurotic rescue dog named Hollie and his husband, Lucas. Learn more at simondoylebooks.com.

Pre-order and Contact Information

The Sound of You is available for pre-order through major retailers including Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Waterstones.

For additional information or interview requests, visit simondoylebooks.com or contact the author via hello@sdpress.eu.com.

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