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A select guide to cultural events for children, teenagers and families.

RI RA CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL OF LITERATURE (Sunday) Ri ra is an Irish term for chaos, but this celebration promises only the whirlwind that comes from stirring ideas. Presented by the Irish Arts Center and the organization Children's Books Ireland, this festival will present book workshops for ages 4 through teenagers, focusing on Irish subjects and writers. Visiting authors will include PJ Lynch, Ireland's laureate for children's literature, presenting "The Boy Who Fell Off the Mayflower"; the illustrator Lauren O'Neill, who will teach drawing; the father-daughter team of John and Fatti Burke, who wrote "Irelandopedia"; and Sarah Crossan, author of "One," a novel in verse. From 11 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Irish Arts Center, 553 West 51st Street, Clinton, 212-757-3318, irishartscenter.org.