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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Mar 30, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](http://www.IssueWire.com)) - What were you like in the 90s?

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Indie author Danielle McMahon's (she/her) unique new poetry chapbook *irl* has been released by *Stanchion* on March 24, 2026.

Curious about what life was like for Xennials growing up in the 90s - early aughts? This book is for you! Midlife Xennials, former latchkey kids, and chatroom pioneers, this book is for you!

Part memoir, part tender ode, McMahon's resonant poetry collection is framed with vignettes of intimately awkward Instant Messenger conversations. *irl* is a kind love story, but also not. It's about adolescence, connection, and communication. It's about kinship and finding that one person with whom you can be your authentic self.

Butterflies in your stomach. Goosebumps. Yearning. The poems in *irl* pang and glitter with a deep, heartfelt nostalgia for a bygone era, for those youthful, endless summers, those aimless joyrides, those moments everlasting.

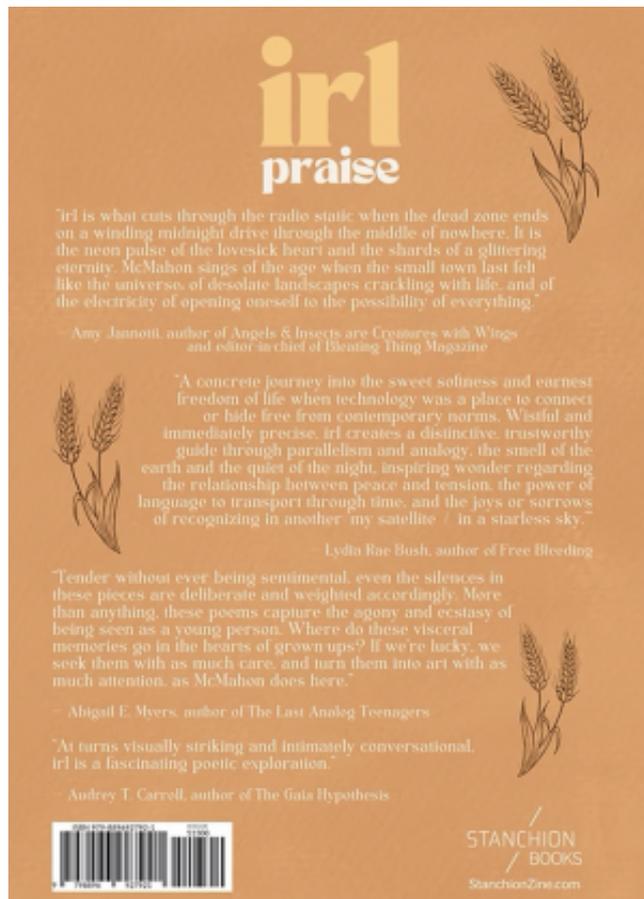
irl is available for purchase from *Stanchion's* website: <https://www.stanchionzine.com/product-page/irl>. For review copies and interview requests, please contact Danielle via her author site: <https://d-mcmahon-writes/about>.

Danielle McMahon is the author of 4 poetry chapbooks and 2 micro-chaps. Her work can be found in various literary journals, in print and online. She's been nominated for Best of the Net in 2026.

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