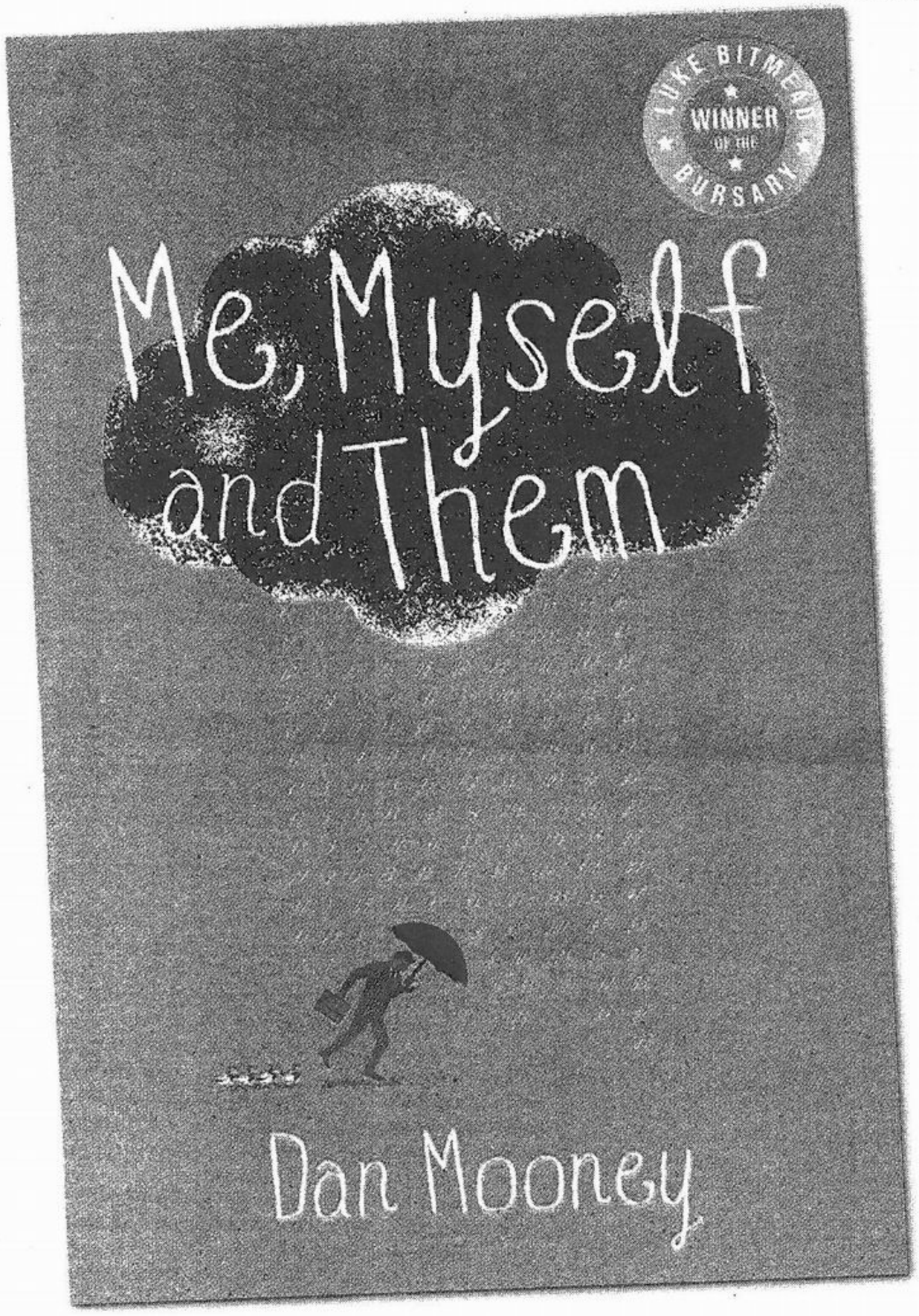

Dan Mooney

Me, Myself and Them – Limerick launch of awarding-winning debut novel

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Limerick author Dan Mooney will officially launch his award-winning novel Me, Myself and Them at 6.30pm on Friday, 26 May,in O'Mahony's Bookstore on O'Connell Street.

The 32-year-old's debut publication won the 2016 Luke Bitmead Bursary and a publishing contract with Legend Press. Me, Myself and Them will also get a US release in 2018 through Park Row Books – an imprint of Harper Collins, the second-largest consumer book publisher in the world.

"It's been a hectic timeline, but I like a challenge like that," the author told Limerick Life. "This means we'll probably have Me, Myself and Them on bookshelves in the US at the same time that the second book gets its release here."

It's less than 12 months since Me, Myself and Them was first self-published but Mooney – who is also an air traffic controller - is showing no signs of slowing down, as he puts the final touches to his second, as-yet-untitled novel.

Like Me, Myself and Them, his latest work shares similar themes, with central characters battling their demons in very unique ways.

Inspired by a conversation overheard in a Limerick pub, Me, Myself and Them follows Denis Murphy as he struggles to cope with a tragic loss. A series of chance meetings force him to confront the demons 'that share not only his house, but also his head.'

'Mental Health is something I like to work with,' says Mooney. 'It's topical, but I find myself annoyed at how little it's still understood, despite how much people talk about it.

The conversations we're hearing about Mental Health are not the conversations I wanted to have about it."

Me, Myself and Them will be launched in O'Mahony's by author and journalist Alan English, with wine and light refreshments on hand. Signed copies will be available on the evening, for those eager to get a sneak peek ahead of the official release in June.