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Supervisor's Report on B.A. Thesis
EILÉAN NÍ CHUILLEANÁIN'S *THE BRAZEN SERPENT*: A CONTEXTUAL ANALYSIS
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This a well-written and well-thought out thesis, and I recommend the grade of "excellent" (výborně). The student's engagement with both the particular collection, and Ní Chuilleanáin's work in general, is impressive, and was no doubt intensified by her opportunity to interview the poet during her visit to Prague in 2008. The complexity and laconic nature of the poetry itself make the task extremely demanding, but the student's insights and remarks always seem appropriate to me. She deals well with themes of religion and feminism, and is very aware of the larger ramifications of these subjects within the Irish context. Her close-readings of poems are always persuasive and engaging, and the level of her prose is extremely high.

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