



Ireland: Landscapes & Literature
Suggested Reading & Online Resource Guide
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The following selection of books and websites is deliberately wide-ranging so that travelers may choose what most interests them. It is neither a comprehensive bibliography nor a required reading list, but rather an attempt to provide insights into Irish literature, photography, history, and culture. These books should be available at local public or university libraries, and most are available new or used and/or as downloads for e-readers through local and online bookstores.

History

Mallory, J. P. *The Origins of the Irish*. Thames & Hudson, 2017.

McCaffrey, Carmel and Leo Eaton. *In Search of Ancient Ireland: The origins of the Irish from Neolithic times to the coming of the English*. Ivan R. Dee, 2003.

PBS series: Episode 1: <https://vimeo.com/110144331>

Cahill, Thomas. *How the Irish Saved Civilization*. Anchor, 1996.

Neville, Peter. *A Traveller's History of Ireland*. Interlink Publishing Group, 2009.

William Butler Yeats. *The Celtic Twilight* (1902) or *Irish Fairy and Folk Tales* (1918)

Literature

James Joyce. *Dubliners*

Delaney, Frank. *Ireland: A Novel*. Harper, 2008.

Heaney, Seamus. *Death of a Naturalist*. Faber and Faber, 2006. (or any Heaney collections).

Many of his poems are available online: www.poetryfoundation.org

Grennan, Eamon. *The Quick of It: Poems*. Graywolf Press, 2005.

Grennan, Eamon. <https://www.poets.org/poetsorg/poet/eamon-grennan>

Memoir

McCourt, Frank. *Angela's Ashes: A Memoir*. Scribner, 1999.

Banville, John. *Time Pieces: A Dublin Memoir*. Knopf, 2018.

O'Faolain, Nuala. *Are you Somebody?: The accidental memoir of a Dublin woman*. Holt, 2009.

Behan, Brendan. *Brendan Behan's Island: An Irish sketch-book*. Little, Brown & Co., 1985.

Robinson, Mary. *Everybody Matters: My Life Giving Voice*. Bloomsbury, USA, 2014.

Landscape

Jebb, Mathew and Crowley, Colm. *Secrets of the Irish Landscape*. Attic Press, 2013.

McArdle, Peader. *The Irish Landscape: An All-Ireland Exploration through Science and Literature*. Liffey Press, 2015.

Robinson, Tim. *Connemara: A Little Gaelic Kingdom*. Penguin, 2012.

and/or *Connemara: Listening to the Wind*. Penguin, 2008.

Trailer: <http://harvestfilms.ie/tim-robinson-connemara>

Photography

Harbison, Peter and Leslie Carola. *Ireland a Luminous Beauty*. Thomas Dunne Books, 2014.

Anthony Haughey. <http://anthonyhaughey.com/>

Niall O'Brien. *The Wild Atlantic Way*: <http://niallobrien.co.uk/project/wild-atlantic-way/#0>

Videos

Ireland's Wild Coast PBS series. <http://www.pbs.org/program/irelands-wild-coast/>

Ireland with Ardal O'Hanlon. <http://www.channel4.com/programmes/ireland-with-ardal-ohanlon>

Walking

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2012/aug/09/how-walking-inspires-writers>

MacFarlane, Robert. *The Old Ways: A Journey on Foot*. Penguin, 2013.

Guides

DK Eyewitness Travel Guide Ireland. DK Eyewitness Travel, 2017.