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## **Making the Irish American**

McGill-Queen's Press - MQUP

During their long struggle for independence from British rule, Irish republicans looked west for hope, and with cause. By the turn of the 20th century, the Irish-American population in the United States was larger than the population of Ireland itself, and the bond between the two cultures was profound, even visceral. The Irish in America provided financial support but also the inspiration of example, proof that a national identity independent of England was achievable. The moment of crisis came in the armed insurrection during Easter week in 1916, when republican leaders rose up in a foredoomed effort to gather international sympathy for their cause. In "The Proclamation of the Provisional Government of the Irish Republic" that was read and circulated in Dublin on the first day of the Rising, The United States was the only country specifically singled out for offering help.

## **Protestant Nationalists**

in Ireland, 1900 - 1923  
Mercier Press Ltd  
Focusing on the local  
New Jersey/New York  
Irish-American  
experience, this  
interdisciplinary book  
is a case study in what  
Irish-Americans have  
contributed to public  
and cultural life in the  
United States: how  
they have retained  
elements of Irish  
culture and invented  
elements of their own  
ethnic American  
culture.

*De Valera in America* Oxford  
University Press

2021 marks the 100 year  
anniversary of the  
establishment of The Irish  
Free State, the culmination of  
a 700 year battle for Irish  
Freedom from The British  
Empire. Much has been  
written about the top leaders  
of the decisive 1919-1921  
Final Rebellion - especially

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Michael Collins and Eamon DeValera. Many of the well-known patriot commanders have also been rightly lauded - Tom Barry, Dan Breen, Ernie O'Malley, Tom Maguire, Michael Kilroy and others. Ireland's victory would not have been possible without the unsung heroes, the men and women who fought on the front lines of what the Irish called The Tan War, who sacrificed their lives daily. Other heroes were the families of these fighters who bore the brunt of the reprisals meted out by the British Forces, especially by the Black and Tans, and the Auxiliaries. The Plain People of Ireland sheltered and fed these Freedom Fighters at enormous risk to their own safety. Book 1 'Just One Of The Boys' is the story of Thomas Kane, one of these regular frontline fighters who left his tailor's bench in County Mayo to put everything on the line for Ireland. He tells his story directly to the reader, recounts centuries of turbulent Irish history with the help of his Shanachie( Gaelic storyteller) Grandmother, and brings the reader into the daily life of a guerilla fighter as he navigates his way through the final rebellion for Irish Independence. The 1921 Treaty signed with Britain created an Irish Free State consisting of 26 counties, and the entity of Northern Ireland consisting of 6 northeast counties which were to stay under the control of Britain. This contrived partition of Ireland resulted in a bitter split between Pro-Treaty and Anti-Treaty factions that soon afterwards pushed Ireland into a Civil War. Thomas was Anti-Treaty and he had to find a way to survive this savage conflict which pitted former comrades against each other and took the lives of far too many Irish patriots on both sides. He chose neutrality but was still arrested and imprisoned by the pro-treaty Free State Army where he and thousands of others suffered inhumane treatment and

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conditions. Book 2 'An American Dream Fulfilled' is narrated by Sean Kane, youngest son of Thomas Kane. As a child he experienced his father's regret for not having emigrated to America in search of a new and better life, like some of his comrades had done at the end of the Irish Civil War. Sean made a promise on his fathers grave that he would fulfill that lost dream. He recounts his long journey - from growing up poor in the West of Ireland, paying his way through college, changing careers several times as he moved between Ireland's cities, then onto England and South Africa, as he followed his dream until he finally settled in America and built a successful business and a new life in South Carolina. This two-book story carries the reader along with the Kane family, from the old and free mystic Ireland, through conquest by Britain followed by centuries of Irish Rebellion, the Great Irish Potato Famine of the 1840's, the Land Wars, the Easter Rising of 1916, the Irish War of Independence resulting in The Irish Free State and Northern Ireland via partition, followed by the horrific Irish Civil War. Peace then followed, resulting in the modest prosperity that an agriculture based economy could muster through the World War 2 years. The Kane family story is picked up again by young Sean as he grows up in this modest Ireland of the 1960's, then pursues a quest on behalf of his father, which leads him to his promised land -- America. He finds himself among the large throng of undocumented Irish immigrants, together with multiple other ethnic immigrants all chasing the holy grail -- a green card. This book is both a lesson in Irish history and an inspiring story of determination to fulfill dreams. It is a must-read for everyone who is part of the Irish diaspora and for those who aspire to beat the odds and achieve their personal dream.

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**My Father Left Me Ireland** Easter Rising Retraces the steps of an incredible journey of a leader in exile that would resonate through Irish history for the rest of the century ... In June 1919 Eamon de Valera stowed away on a liner bound for New York and walked into the Waldorf-Astoria using the title 'President of Ireland'. He spent eighteen months billeted in the most expensive hotel in the world. From this luxurious base, de Valera criss-crossed America by plane, boat and train throughout 1919 and 1920, publicising his nation's plight and raising more

than \$5 million for the cause of Irish independence. While the War of Independence raged back home, de Valera was supporting the cause with packed engagements from Madison Square Garden to San Francisco including a total audience of over a million people. Along the way he underwent a harsh and unforgiving political education that better equipped him to dominate Irish politics for decades. Offering a unique take on a familiar figure, and containing fascinating new information and photographs, this book details an intriguing and

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largely unknown episode in the career of Ireland's most famous politician.

1916 Osprey Publishing

MacDonald's first book told of the loss of the author's four siblings to the violence, poverty, and gangsterism of Boston's Irish-American ghetto. The question "How did you get out?" has haunted him ever since. This narrative of reinvention begins with th

America and the Making of an Independent Ireland

Harvard University Press

An innovative and original analysis of Protestant advanced nationalists, from the early twentieth century to the end of the Irish Civil War.

Irish Nationalists in America

Oxford University Press

In this important work of deep learning and insight, David Brundage gives us the first full-scale history of Irish nationalists in the United

States. Beginning with the brief exile of Theobald Wolfe Tone, founder of Irish republican nationalism, in Philadelphia on the eve of the bloody 1798 Irish rebellion, and concluding with the role of Bill Clinton's White House in the historic 1998 Good Friday Agreement in Northern Ireland, Brundage tells a story of more than two hundred years of Irish American (and American) activism in the cause of Ireland. The book, though, is far more than a narrative history of the movement. Brundage effectively weaves into his account a number of the analytical themes and perspectives that have transformed the study of nationalism over the last two decades. The most important of these perspectives is the

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"imagined" or "invented" character of nationalism. A second theme is the relationship of nationalism to the waves of global migration from the early nineteenth century to the present and, more precisely, the relationship of nationalist politics to the phenomenon of political exile. Finally, the work is concerned with Irish American nationalists' larger social and political vision, which sometimes expanded to embrace causes such as the abolition of slavery, women's rights, or freedom for British colonial subjects in India and Africa, and at other times narrowed, avoiding or rejecting such "extraneous" concerns and connections. All of these themes are placed within a thoroughly transnational framework that is one of the book's most important

contributions. Irish nationalism in America emerges from these pages as a movement of great resonance and power. This is a work that will transform our understanding of the experience of one of America's largest immigrant groups and of the phenomenon of diasporic or "long-distance" nationalism more generally.

Voyage of Mercy NYU Press

In light of its upcoming centenary in 2016, the time seems ripe to ask: why, how and in what ways has memory of Ireland 's 1916 Rising persisted over the decades? In pursuing answers to these questions, which are not only of historical concern, but of contemporary political and cultural importance, this book breaks new ground by

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offering a wide-ranging exploration of the making and remembrance of the story of 1916 in modern times. It draws together the interlocking dimensions of history-making, commemoration and heritage to reveal the Rising 's undeniable influence upon modern Ireland 's evolution, both instantaneous and long-term. In addition to furnishing a history of the tumultuous events of Easter 1916, which rattled the British Empire 's foundations and enthused independence movements elsewhere, Ireland 's 1916 Rising mainly concentrates on illuminating the evolving relationship between the Irish past and present. In doing so, it unearths the far-reaching political impacts and deep-seated cultural legacies of the actions taken

by the rebels, as evidenced by the most pivotal episodes in the Rising 's commemoration and the myriad varieties of heritage associated with its memory. This volume also presents a wider perspective on the ways in which conceptualisations of heritage, culture and identity in Westernised societies are shaped by continuities and changes in politics, society and economy. In a topical conclusion, the book examines the legacy of Queen Elizabeth II 's visit to the Garden of Remembrance in 2011, and looks to the Rising 's 100th anniversary by identifying the common ground that can be found in pluralist and reconciliatory approaches to remembrance. The Rising Gill & Macmillan In this innovative work, Alan

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Ward uses the pivotal event in twentieth-century Irish history as a prism through which to survey Irish history from the twelfth century to the present. By asking why the Easter Rising occurred, Ward is able to review the history of Anglo-Irish relations, from the time of Norman settlement to World War I, as well as the development of several kinds of Irish nationalism in the nineteenth century. Then, by asking what the effects of the Rising have been, Ward discusses the Irish war of independence, the creation of the Irish Free State, and the Irish civil war, pondering the influence of the various strands of Irish nationalism on the modern state. Finally, the book reviews the conflict in Northern Ireland from the 1960s all the way to the fall of 2002, making this distinctive and analysis ideal for use as a core text in Irish history or superb supplementary reading

for survey courses in British, European, and World History. Dublin's Great Wars Farrar, Straus, and Giroux  
This interactive journal tells the story of the 1916 Easter Rising through the eyes of a young Dublin boy. From the early preparations through to the bloody aftermath, find out about the main characters and events in a week that changed the course of Irish history. Includes pop-ups and flaps throughout and a fold-out facsimile of the Proclamation of the Irish Republic.

### The Easter Rising 1916 Gill & Macmillan Ltd

This is the story of the women who put their lives on the line for Irish freedom. They were not only the nurses, cooks, and couriers, but also gunrunners, sharpshooters, and organizers. Many who barely received mention in mainstream histories are fully revealed here both in

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their own words and by those who witnessed their incredible courage and leadership. Over 250 women took part in the Irish Rising, more than 70 were imprisoned, and one was sentenced to death by the British. The struggle was initially betrayed by a conservative government which compromised their rights to equality, but women were finally vindicated in recent years. Now the fight for distributive justice and the unity of the entire nation, original goals of the Easter Rising, have passed to the present generation.

The Irish-American Experience in New Jersey and Metropolitan New York St. Martin's Press  
25 scholars excavate the ways in which the US was a critical theatre of war during the Irish fight for independence. It is the first work to assess the range and

depth of US interest in self-government for Ireland preceding the Easter Rising.

Irish Rebel Mercier Press Ltd

On Saturday night 22 April 1916, a tense meeting in Dublin went on into the small hours to decide whether or not the Easter Rising would go ahead. Present at that meeting were P á draig Pearse, Tom á s MacDonagh, Joseph Plunkett and Se á n MacDiarmada. The fifth man present at the all-night session, Diarmuid Lynch, was the only one still alive a month later. It is difficult to understand how Lynch, a member of the Supreme Council of the IRB, has been forgotten so completely. Lynch was at the heart of plans for the Rising and was aide-de-camp to James Connolly in

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the GPO. Initially sentenced to death, his sentence was commuted to ten years penal servitude because he was an American citizen. However, he was released on 16 June 1917. Immediately following his release, Lynch became active again, and along with Michael Collins and Thomas Ashe, participated in the reorganisation of the IRB. After the 1917 Sinn Féin Ard Fheis, Lynch, like Collins, held three senior posts: in the IRB, Sinn Féin and in the Irish Volunteers. He was again arrested and deported to America in 1918. Lynch was elected, although still in the US, as a TD for the constituency of Cork South-East in the 1918 elections. In America he was working frenetically as the national secretary of the FOIF (Friends of Irish Freedom) organisation, but

later sharp differences arose between De Valera and the FOIF about how funds raised in America should be spent. Lynch did not take part in the Civil War, but made several unsuccessful attempts to stop it.

The Irish-American

Connection Lexington Books

This bestselling book recreates the actual course of events during that tumultuous week, based on contemporary witnesses, memoirs and later recollections. It adds up to the most comprehensive and accessible account of Easter Week in print and has received praise in all quarters.

Easter Rising Merrion Press

The No.1 bestselling novel from one of Ireland's most loved writers! With the threat of the First World War looming, tension simmers under the surface of Ireland. Bright, beautiful and intelligent, the Gifford sisters Grace, Muriel and Nellie kick against the

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conventions of their privileged, wealthy Anglo-Irish background and their mother Isabella's expectations. As War erupts across Europe, the spirited sisters soon find themselves caught up in Ireland's struggle for freedom. Muriel falls deeply in love with writer Thomas MacDonagh, artist Grace meets the enigmatic Joe Plunkett - both leaders of 'The Rising' - while Nellie joins 'The Citizen Army' and takes up arms to fight alongside Countess Markievicz in the rebellion. On Easter Monday 1916, the Rising begins, and the world of the Gifford sisters and everyone they hold dear is torn apart in a fight that is destined for tragedy.

\_\_\_\_\_ 'Engrossing'

Sunday Times 'Marvellous ... A gripping read' Irish Independent 'Finally, women are being written back into the history of [Ireland's] awakening' Irish Mail on Sunday 50 Things You Didn't Know About 1916 Irish Academic Press

Sixteen men were executed in the aftermath of the Easter Rising in Ireland, 1916: fifteen

were shot and one was hanged. Their deaths changed the course of Irish history. But who were these leaders who set in motion events that would lead to the creation of an independent Ireland? The executed leaders of the Easter Rising were a diverse group. This book contains fascinating accounts of the life stories of these men and recounts the events that brought each of them to rebellion in April 1916.

### Ireland's Exiled Children

Forge Books

At age fifteen, Ned Halloran lost both of his parents--and almost his own life--when the Titanic sank. Determined to keep what little he has, he returns to his homeland of Ireland and enrolls at Saint Edna's school in Dublin. Saint Edna's headmaster is the renowned scholar and poet, Patrick Pearse--who is soon to gain greater fame as a rebel and patriot. Ned becomes

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deeply involved with the growing revolution . . . and the sacrifices it will demand. Through Ned's eyes, Morgan Llywelyn's 1916 examines the Irish fight for freedom--inspired by poets and schoolteachers, fueled by a desperate desire for independence, and played out in the historic streets of Dublin against the background of World War I. It is a story of the brave men and heroic women who, for a few unforgettable days, managed to hold out against the might of the British Empire. The Irish Century Novels 1916: A Novel of the Irish Rebellion 1921: The Great Novel of the Irish Civil War 1949: A Novel of the Irish Free State 1972: A Novel of Ireland's Unfinished Revolution 1999: A Novel of the Celtic Tiger and the Search for Peace At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software

(DRM) applied. Gill & Macmillan If you inherited ten million dollars would you tell your family?. Someone doesn't. This intriguing tale of rags to riches about two families starts in County Kerry in Ireland during the Famine and in Dublin's tenements society from the mid-nineteenth century and ends in the present day 'Mad Men' world of advertising. The story covers landmarks in both Irish and American society including the development of the Guinness business, the sinking of the Titanic, the 1916 Easter Rising, the Irish Civil War, the notorious Black and Tans era, the American Civil War, two World Wars, the Riverdance phenomenon and the growth of Dublin and New York into their countries most successful and populous cities. The story has many twists and turns that will keep you in suspense. Dublin 1916 Cambridge University Press The story of the Dubliners who served in the British

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military and in republican forces during the First World War and the Irish Revolution.

There Has Occurred in Ireland Oxford University Press

‘ Well, I ’ ve helped to wind up the clock – I might as well hear it strike. ’

Michael Joseph O ’ Rahilly. The Easter Rising of 1916 was a seminal moment in Ireland ’ s turbulent history. For the combatants it was a no-holds-barred clash: the professional army of an empire against a highly motivated, well-drilled force of volunteers. What did the men and women who fought on the streets of Dublin endure during those brutal days after the clock struck on 24 April 1916? For them, the conflict was a mix of bloody fighting and energy-sapping waiting, with

meagre supplies of food and water, little chance to rest and the terror of imminent attacks. The experiences recounted here include those of: 20-year-old Sean McLoughlin who went from Volunteer to Captain to Commandant-General in five days: his cool head under fire saved many of his comrades; Volunteer Robert Holland, a sharpshooter who continued to fire despite punishing rifle recoil; Volunteer Thomas Young ’ s mother, who acted as a scout, leading a section through enemy-infested streets; the 2/7th Sherwood Foresters NCO who died when the grenade he threw at Clanwilliam House bounced off the wall and exploded next to his head; 2nd Lieutenant Guy Vickery Pinfield of the 8th Royal Hussars, who led the

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charge on the main gate of Dublin Castle and became the first British officer to die in the Rising. This account of the major engagements of Easter Week 1916 takes us onto the shelled and bullet-ridden streets of Dublin with the foot soldiers on both sides of the conflict, into the collapsing buildings and through the gunsmoke.