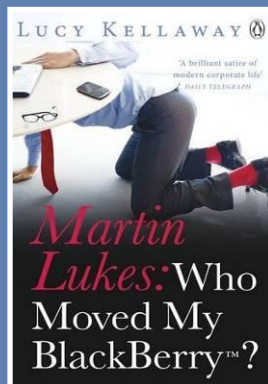
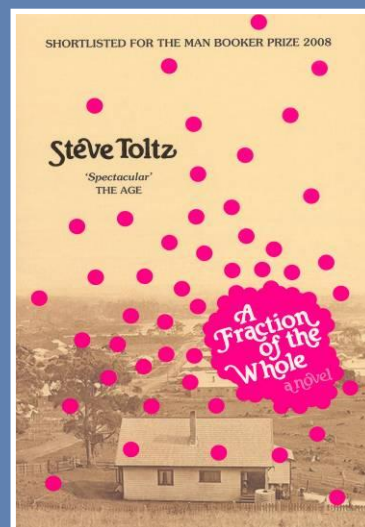
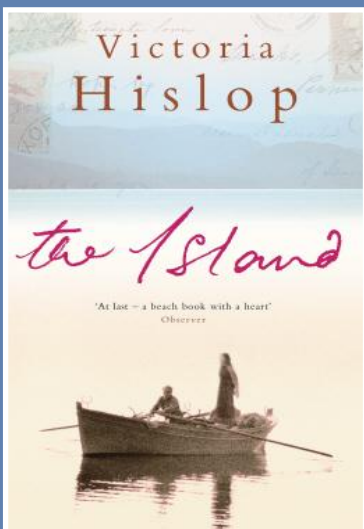
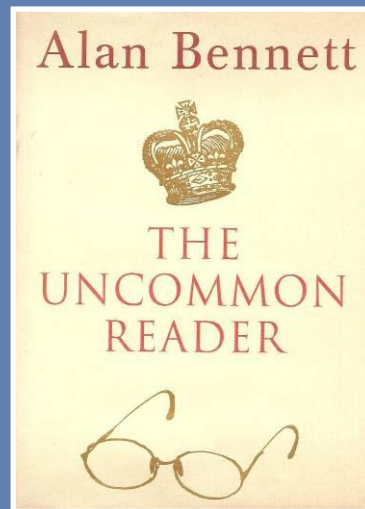
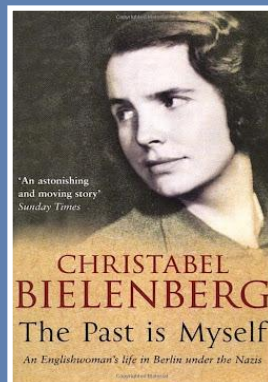
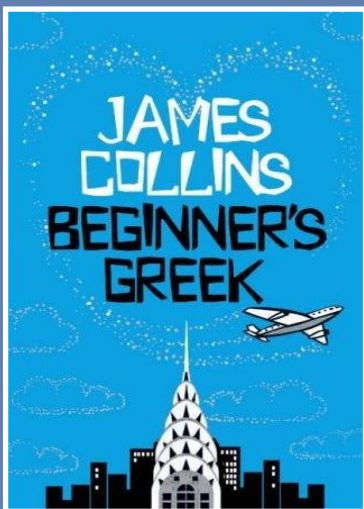


Why not revisit some old favourites?



Want to share your thoughts on our summer reads 2014?

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Cavan Library's 2014

Sizzling Summer Reads



Fall In Love with our Choice Summer Reads



Welcome to Cavan Library's 10th Summer Reading List!

Once again, Cavan Librarians have raided the library shelves to bring you the best in our choice of Great Summer Reads. Books are at the heart of our service, and our mission is to foster a passion for reading.

If you are looking for a few ideas of what to read, go no further than your local library and check out our 2014 Summer Reading list. We have chosen 43 engrossing and entertaining titles to help you while away the long summer days. Our selection includes novels, memoirs and As Gaeilge titles. Award winners, crime novels and old favourites feature. Titles range from humorous novels such as Alan Bennett's "The uncommon Reader" - a guaranteed laugh out loud read - to some outstanding debut novels by Irish writers. A variety of themes are covered and in this centenary year of the "Great War", a number of titles powerfully evoke the human tragedy of the conflict.

Thank you to the library staff and our reading groups for their many recommendations. As always, our biggest challenge in compiling our list is the whittling down process. We hope that you enjoy our final selection.

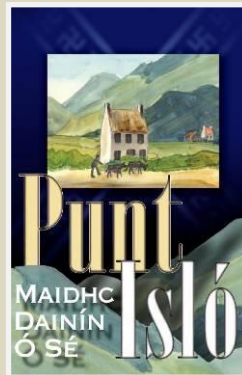
Our summer reading lists have been successful because of the feedback we receive from you, our library users. Please tell us what you think, share your favourites with us – talk to the library staff or visit our Great Reads Blog on www.cavanlibrary.ie.

Enjoy your summer and make it extra special by visiting your local library and picking up titles from our selection of choice reads.

Josephine Brady
County Librarian

Take up our challenge!

Make one of your Summer Reads an "As Gaeilge" title



Punt Isló: Maidhc Dainín Ó Sé (2013)

Ba í Áine Ní Néill príomhcharactar an scéil seo. Bhí cúrsaí crua ar Áine ó thús. agus í ag teacht ar an saol i gCiarraí i 1921, fuair a máthair bás. Bhí comharsa mar mháthair nua aici, áfach, Imíonn sí léi go Meiriceá tar éis teacht in inmhe, agus post mar chailín aimsire ag na Goldbergs. Léigh ar aghaidh

Bhí cónaí ar Mhaidhc Dainín Ó Sé i gCorca Dhuibhne nuair a fuair sé bás i 2013. Bhí sé siúlach, áfach agus chaith sé na blianta i Sasana is i Chicago. Bhí naoi leabhar déag i gcló aige.

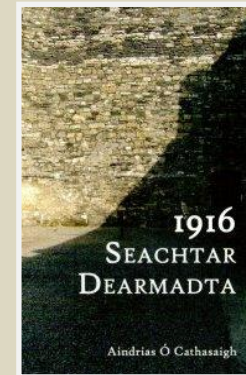
Úrscéal



Nuair a Stadann an Ceol: Marie Whelton (2013)

Tár éis di í féin a chur tríd an ollscoil agus cúpla bliain a chaitheamh ag obair, tá Róisín ar ais i mbun staidéir agus í ag iarraidh cáilíocht sa bhunmhúinteoireacht a bhaint amach an uair seo. Tá cairde nua aici agus tá go leor ceoil á sheinm aici sa Choláiste Oideachais, ach tá uirthi dul i ngleic le deacrachtaí móra pearsanta freisin. Is scéal é seo faoi shaol casta na mná óig; faoi chúrsaí clainne, faoi chairdeas agus faoin gceol.

Don fhoghlaimeoir fásta



1916 Seachtar Dearmadta: Aindrias Ó Cathasaigh (2013)

Leabhar a thugann chun cuimhne seachtar fear a chuir údarais na Breataine chun báis i bPríosún Chill Mhaighneáin tar éis Éirí Amach na Cásca 1916. Tá a scéal féin ag gach duine den seachtar, scéal a fágadh ar lár go minic agus eachtraí corracha na tréimhse sin á meas agus á gcomóradh. Ba leor a siníu ar an bhforógra chun an seachtar ceannairí sin a dhaoradh ach tá scéal níos casta le hinsint i gcás an tseachtair eile. Seo anois é an scéal sin, faoi gach duine den seachtar:

Neamhfhicean

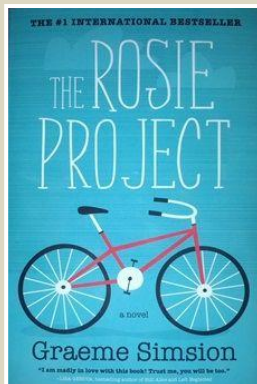


I gCóngar i gCéin: Pádraig Standún (2012)

An Veineis, PEARLA na Meánmhara. Tá ealaíontóir óg, Adrienne, tagtha go dtí an chathair ársa rómánsúil seo tar éis dá pósadh cliseadh, í ag súil le tús a chur le

saol nua. Casann sí ar Giorgio, tiománaí tacsái uisce, agus éiríonn siad ceanúil ar a chéile. Ach tá rún ag Giorgio. Ní lodálach é ach Éireannach. Agus ní Giorgio an t-ainm atá air ar chor ar bith. Fear é a bhí páirteach sa Ghluaiseacht Phoblachtánach aimsir na dTrioblóidí agus atá in ainm is a bheith marbh. Agus tá coirpigh, chomh maith lena chuid iarchomrádaithe, ar a thóir.

Úrscéal



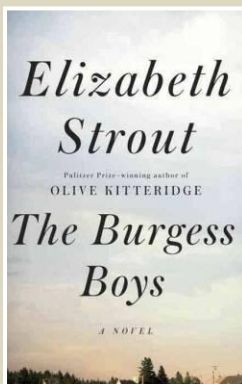
The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion (2013)

Meet Don Tillman.

Don is getting married. He just doesn't know to whom yet. But he has designed a very detailed questionnaire to help him find the perfect woman. One thing he already knows, though, is that it's not Rosie.

Absolutely, completely, definitely not. A hilarious, feel-good novel, a gem of a book!

Fiction
Humorous



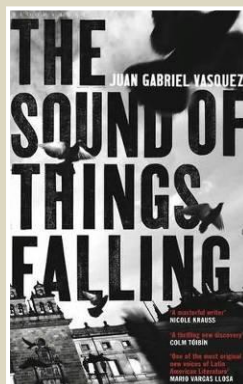
Burgess Boys by Elizabeth Strout (2013)

Haunted by the freak accident that killed their father when they were children, Jim and Bob Burgess escaped from their hometown for New York City.

Jim, a sleek, successful corporate lawyer, has belittled his bighearted brother their whole lives, and Bob, a legal aid attorney who idolises Jim, has always taken it in his stride.

But their long-standing dynamic is upended when their sister, Susan - the sibling who stayed behind - urgently calls them home.

Fiction
NY Times
Bestseller

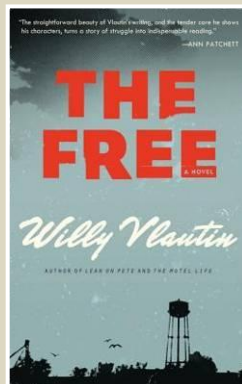


The Sound of Things Falling by Juan Gabriel Vasquez (2012)

No sooner does he get to know Ricardo Laverde in a seedy billiard hall in Bogota than Antonio Yammara realises that the ex-pilot has a secret. Antonio's fascination with his new friend's life grows until the day Ricardo receives a mysterious, unmarked cassette. Shortly afterwards, he is shot dead on a street corner.

Yammara's investigation into what happened leads back to the early 1960s, marijuana smuggling and a time before the cocaine trade trapped Colombia in a living nightmare.

Fiction
Shortlisted for the
International IMPAC
Dublin Literary
Award, 2014

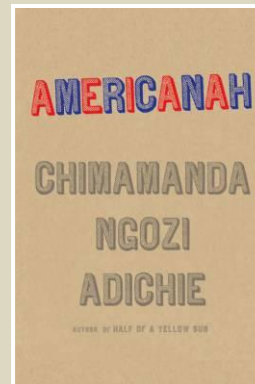


The Free by Willy Vlautin (2014)

Leroy, a young, wounded, Iraq veteran, waking to a rare moment of clarity, his senses flooded with remembering who he is but the pain of realising it won't last.

When his attempt to end his life fails, he is taken to hospital where he is looked after by a nurse called Pauline, and visited by Freddie from his group home for disabled men. As the stories of these three wounded characters circle and cross each other, we come to learn more of their lives.

An original and unforgettable read.

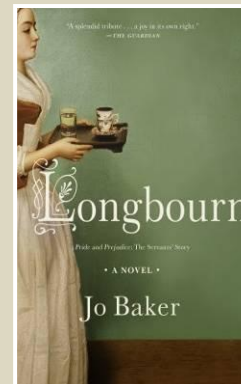


Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (2013)

A story of love and race centered around a young man and woman from Nigeria. As teenagers Ifemelu and Obinze fall in love, Nigeria is under military dictatorship, and people are fleeing the country if they can. Ifemelu departs for America where she suffers defeats and triumphs, all the while feeling the weight of something she never thought of back home: race.

Fearless, gripping, at once darkly funny and tender, spanning three continents and numerous lives, a richly told story set in today's globalized world

Shortlisted for
Baileys Women's
Prize for Fiction,
2014

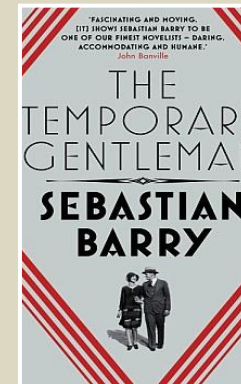


Longbourn by Jo Baker (2014)

In this irresistibly imagined below stairs answer to Pride and Prejudice, the servants take center stage. Sarah, the orphaned housemaid, spends her days scrubbing the laundry, polishing the floors, and emptying the chamber pots for the Bennet household.

But there is just as much romance, heartbreak, and intrigue downstairs at Longbourn as there is upstairs. When a mysterious new footman arrives, the orderly realm of the servants' hall threatens to be completely, perhaps irrevocably, upended.

Fiction
Historical
Richard & Judy
Book Club, 2014



The Temporary Gentleman by Sebastian Barry (2014)

Jack McNulty is a 'temporary gentleman', who sets out to write his story - an ordinary man who has seen extraordinary things. He has wandered the world - as a soldier, an engineer, a UN observer - trying to better himself. His marriage to Mai Kirwan, a great beauty from Sligo, was strange and tumultuous. But in time she slipped from his grasp.

A heart-breaking portrait of one man's demons and lost love.

Irish
Fiction



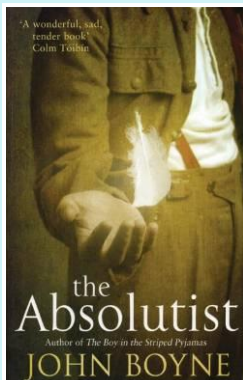
The Herbalist by Niamh Boyce (2013)

Out of nowhere the herbalist appears and sets up in the market square. In this place where everything is a shade of brown or grey, the black man wearing the pale suit and straw hat is the lightest thing there.

They call him The Don and with his potions and lotions the exotic stranger seems to have a cure for everything.

A riveting story about the shadow side of Irish life - the fear of sex, the tragedy of women destroyed by society and the bravery of those who defied it.

Irish Fiction
Winner of Bord
Gáis Energy Irish
Book Awards, 2013

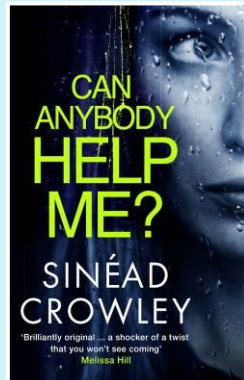


The Absolutist by John Boyne (2011)

September, 1919. Tristan Sadler takes a train to deliver letters to Marian Bancroft. Tristan fought with Marian's brother Will during the Great War but in 1917, Will laid down his guns, became a conscientious objector and was shot as a traitor. But the letters are not the real reason for Tristan's visit. He has a secret and has finally found the courage to unburden himself of it.

A masterful tale of passion, jealousy, heroism, and betrayal set in the trenches of France during World War I.

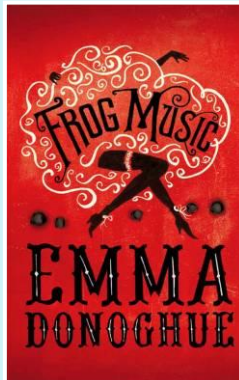
Irish Fiction



Can Anybody Help Me? By Sinéad Crowley (2014)

Struggling with a new baby, Yvonne turns to an online forum for support. Drawn into a world of new friends, she spends increasing amounts of time online and volunteers more and more information about herself. When one of her new friends goes offline, Yvonne thinks something is wrong, but dismisses her fears. But when the body of a young woman with striking similarities to Yvonne's missing friend is found, Yvonne realises that they're all in terrifying danger. Can she persuade Sergeant Claire Boyle, herself about to go on maternity leave, to take her fears seriously?

Irish Fiction Thriller

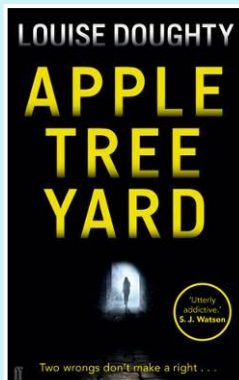


Frog Music by Emma Donoghue (2014)

Summer of 1876: San Francisco is in the fierce grip of a record-breaking heat wave and a smallpox epidemic. Through the window of a railroad saloon, a young woman named Jenny Bonnet is shot dead.

The survivor, her friend Blanche Beunon, is a French burlesque dancer. Over the next three days, she will risk everything to bring Jenny's murderer to justice--if he doesn't track her down first. The story Blanche struggles to piece together is one of free-love bohemians, desperate paupers, and arrogant millionaires; of jealous men, icy women, and damaged children.

Irish Fiction



Apple Tree Yard by Louise Doughty (2013)

Yvonne Carmichael is a renowned geneticist, with a happy family life. Then one day she meets a stranger at the Houses of Parliament and begins a passionate affair with him - a decision that will put everything she values at risk. All of her careful plans spiral into greater deceit and, eventually, a life-changing act of violence. A psychological thriller about one woman's adultery and an insightful examination of the values we live by and the choices we make.

Richard & Judy, Book Club 2014

Shortlisted for the Specsavers National Book Awards Crime & Thriller of the Year



Unraveling Oliver by Liz Nugent (2014)

Oliver Ryan is a handsome and charismatic success story. He lives in the suburbs with his wife, Alice, who illustrates his award-winning children's books and gives him her unstinting devotion. Their life together is one of privilege and ease - until, one evening, Oliver attacks Alice and puts her into a coma.

In the aftermath, as everyone tries to make sense of his astonishing act of savagery, Oliver tells his story. A gripping, thought provoking novel of psychological suspense.



The Thrill of It All by Joseph O'Connor (2014)

Spanning the career of an Irish band over 25 years, The Thrill of it All rewinds and fast-forwards through an evocative soundtrack of struggle and laughter.

Using interviews, lyrics, memoirs and diaries, the tale stretches from suburban England to Manhattan's East Village, from Thatcher-era London to the Hollywood Bowl, from the meadows of the Glastonbury festival to a wintry Long Island, culminating in a Dublin evening in July 2012, a night that changes everything.

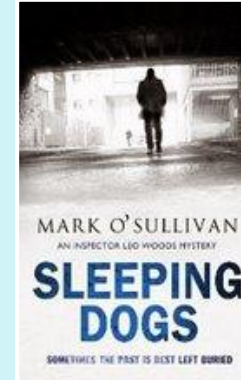
Irish Fiction Humorous



Instructions for a Heat wave by Maggie O'Farrell (2013)

In London, it hasn't rained for months, gardens are filled with aphids, water comes from a standpipe, and Robert Riordan tells his wife Gretta that he's going round the corner to buy a newspaper. He doesn't come back. The search for Robert brings Gretta's children — two estranged sisters and a brother on the brink of divorce — back home, each with different ideas as to where their father might have gone. None of them suspects that their mother might have an explanation that even now she cannot share.

Richard & Judy, Book Club, 2013



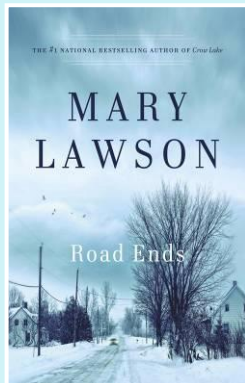
Sleeping Dogs by Mark O'Sullivan (2014)

The second book in the Inspector Leo Woods series.

Gangland boss Harry Larkin lies dying in a Dublin hospital. Amongst his delusional ravings, one name stands out: Detective Inspector Leo Woods. Harry's message for his old 'friend' Leo: find my daughter Whitney.

Leo is drawn into the murky world of the Larkin family, a hell he thought he had escaped from thirty years earlier.

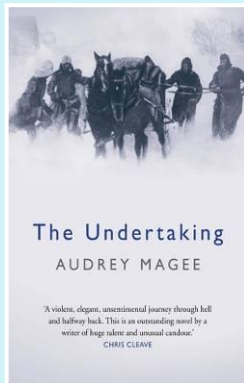
Irish Fiction Crime



Road Ends by Mary Lawson (2014)

A family unravels in the aftermath of tragedy: Edward Cartwright, struggling to escape the legacy of a violent past; Emily, his wife, cloistered in her room with yet another new baby, unaware of events outside the bedroom door; Tom, their eldest son, unable to accept the death of a friend; and capable, formidable Megan, the sole daughter, who held the family together but has finally broken free and gone to England, to try to make a life of her own.

A masterful, enthralling novel.



The Undertaking by Audrey Magee (2014)

Desperate to escape the Eastern front, Peter Faber, a German soldier, marries Katharina Spinell; it is a marriage of convenience that promises 'honeymoon' leave for him and a pension for her..

Both are surprised by the attraction that develops between them. But when the tide of war turns and Berlin falls, Peter and Katharina, ordinary people stained with their small share of an extraordinary guilt, find their simple dream of family increasingly hard to hold on to.

Irish Fiction Debut

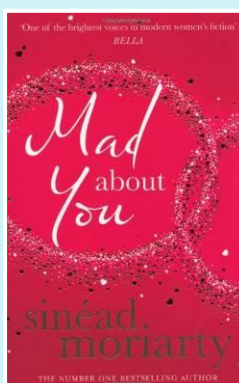


Rage Against Dying by Becky Masterman (2014)

After a long career with the FBI, Brigid Quinn is trying to move on. She's got a nice house and husband who knows nothing of her past.

But the murder of a young female colleague still haunts her. The girl's body has finally been discovered. Quinn is pulled back into the case and the more she learns about the killer the more she comes to believe, despite the overwhelming forensic evidence to hand, that they have the wrong man.

Crime Fiction Richard & Judy, Book Club, 2014

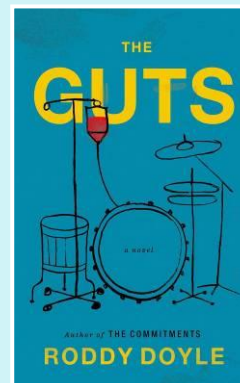


Mad About You by Sinead Moriarty (2013)

Emma and James Hamilton have weathered many storms in their marriage. From infertility, to then becoming parents to two babies in one year, to coping with James losing his job, somehow they have always worked as a team.

However, the pressure of moving from Dublin to London for James's new job - puts them under stress like never before. So when James starts getting texts from a stranger - texts that show startling insights into their lives - Emma is not sure what to think.

Irish Fiction Richard & Judy Book Club, 2014

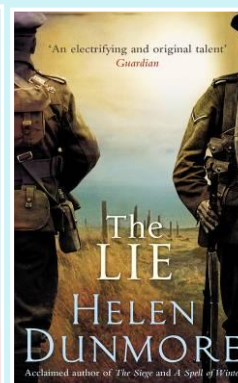


The Guts by Roddy Doyle (2013)

Jimmy Rabbitte from the Commitments is back.

He is now 47, with a wife, four kids ... and bowel cancer. He isn't dying, he thinks, but he might be. Jimmy still loves his music, and he still loves to hustle. On his path through Dublin he meets two of the Commitments - Outspan, whose own illness is probably terminal, and Imelda Quirk, still as gorgeous as ever. He is reunited with his long-lost brother and learns to play the trumpet. This warm, funny novel is about friendship and family, about facing death and opting for life.

Irish Fiction



The Lie by Helen Dunmore (2014)

Cornwall, 1920, early spring.

A young man stands on a headland, looking out to sea. He is back from the war, homeless and without family. Behind him lie the mud, barbed-wire entanglements and terror of the trenches. Behind him is also the most intense relationship of his life.

Daniel has survived, but the horror and passion of the past seem more real than the quiet fields around him. He is about to step into the unknown. But will he ever be able to escape the terrible, unforeseen consequences of a lie?

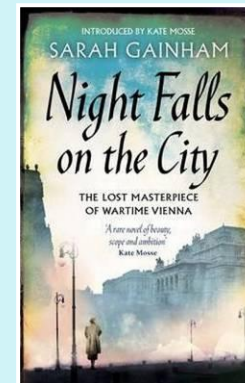


Flight by Oona Frawley (2014)

The story of four travellers whose journeys intersect one winter in Dublin. Sandrine, a Zimbabwean woman who works as a carer for Tom and Clare. Meanwhile Elizabeth, their daughter, carries the weight of her own body's secret.

Set in Ireland in 2004 as a referendum on citizenship approaches, this is a magically observed story of a family and belonging. Flight is among a new breed of Irish novel – one that recognizes the global nature of Ireland in the aftermath of the failed Celtic Tiger.

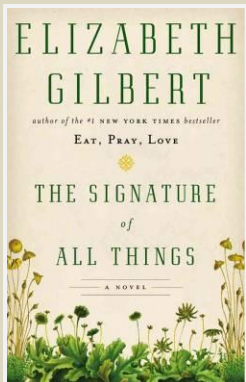
Irish Fiction



Night Falls on the City by Sarah Gainham (2012)

Vienna, 1938. Actress Julia Homburg and her husband Franz Wedeker embody all the enlightened brilliance of their native city. But Wedeker is Jewish, and when the Nazis invade disappearances become routine. Franz must be concealed and with daring ingenuity, Julia conjures a hiding place. In the shadow of oppression, she is forced to strike a series of hateful bargains with the new order if they are to survive.

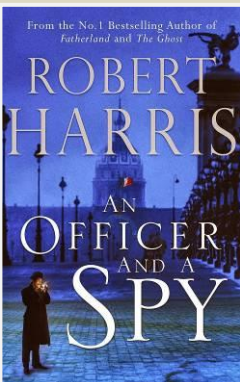
First published in the 1960s, this novel is a true lost classic, and an unforgettable portrait of wartime.



The Signature of all Things by Elizabeth Gilbert (2013)

January 1800. Alma Whittaker is born into a perfect Philadelphia winter. Her father, Henry, is a botanical explorer whose vast fortune belies his lowly beginnings. Alma's mother, a strict woman from an esteemed Dutch family, has knowledge of botany equal to any man's.

A clever, independent girl, it is not long before Alma comes into her own within the world of botany. But as her studies take her deeper into the mysteries of evolution, the man she loves draws her in the opposite direction.



An Officer and a Spy by Robert Harris (2013)

Paris, January 1895. Army officer Georges Picquart witnesses a convicted spy, Captain Alfred Dreyfus, being humiliated in front of 20,000 spectators baying 'Death to the Jew!' The officer is promoted and put in command of shadowy intelligence unit, the Statistical Section. The spy is shipped off to a lifetime of solitary confinement on Devil's Island and his case seems closed forever. But gradually Picquart comes to believe there is something rotten at the heart of the Statistical Section.

Thriller

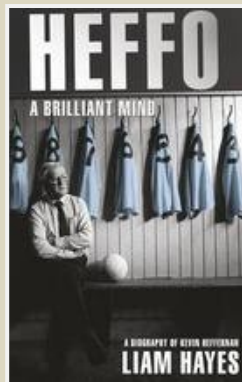


Benediction by Kent Haruf (2014)

One long last summer for Dad Lewis in his beloved town, Holt, Colorado.

Dad's wife and daughter work to make his final days as comfortable as possible, knowing all is tainted by the heart-break of an absent son. Next door, a little girl with a troubled past moves in with her grandmother, and down town another new arrival, the Rev. Rob Lyle, tries to mend strained relationships of his own. Utterly beautiful, and devastating yet affirming, *Benediction* explores the pain, the compassion and the humanity of ordinary people.

Shortlisted for the Folio Prize, 2014

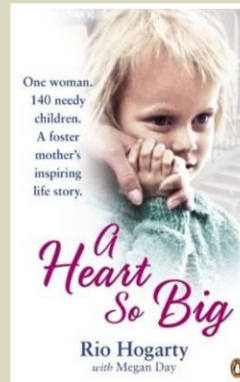


Heffo: A Brilliant Mind by Liam Hayes (2013)

Kevin Heffernan was a giant amongst GAA men - with a brilliant mind, who repeatedly warned everybody that he would not let anything get in the way of winning. Heffo was deeply admired and absolutely feared like no other.

Liam Hayes dramatically re-enacts the battles that Heffernan fought over four decades as a footballer and a manager in a long and punishing war with Kerry. A war waged by one man with courage and fearlessness.

Irish Non-Fiction



A heart so Big by Rio Hogarty (2014)

The astonishing and moving story of Rio Hegarty's life and how she has tried to make a difference.

She has fostered over 140 children and in 2010 was named Mother of the Year at the annual People of the Year Awards. It includes stories of trauma - Rio has rescued children from the direst of circumstances.

She has had her share of heartache along the way. But this is also a story full of humour, searing honesty and good old-fashioned fighting spirit.

Irish Memoir



The Little Old Lady Who Broke all the Rules by Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg (2014)

79-year-old Martha dreams of escaping her care home. Along with her friends, known as the League of Pensioners, she decides to rebel. They cause uproar: protesting against early bedtimes and plastic meals. As they become more daring, their activities escalate and they devise a plan to escape and re-locate in a far more attractive Stockholm establishment. With the aid of their Zimmer frames, they resolve to stand up for old aged pensioners - Robin Hood style. And that's when the adventure really takes off!

Fiction Humorous

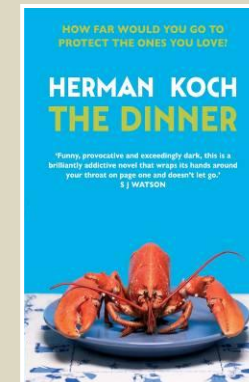


Little Beauty by Alison Jameson (2013)

1975: Laura Quinn has spent her life on the remote Inis Míol Mor, off the west coast of Ireland. Following her parent's death she accepts a job as a housekeeper on the mainland. But a year later, she returns with her baby son, Matthew. However, as an unmarried mother she comes under pressure to conform to the rules of the tightly knit island community.

At times humorous and ultimately heart-breaking, this is a brilliant portrayal of love, motherhood and sacrifice.

Irish Fiction



The Dinner by Herman Koch (2012)

A summer's evening in Amsterdam and two couples meet at a fashionable restaurant. The polite conversation hides a terrible conflict. Each couple has a fifteen-year-old son. Together, the boys have committed a horrifying act, caught on camera, and their grainy images broadcast across the nation; despite a police manhunt, the boys remain unidentified - except by their parents.

The conversation finally touches on their children and, as civility and friendship disintegrate, each couple shows just how far they are prepared to go to protect those they love.