

IRISH AUTHORS PRESENTED BY JODI RETHMEIER

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[The Convictions of John Delahunt](#)

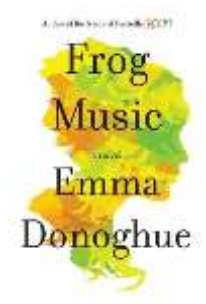
by Andrew Hughes



A historical thriller set in 1840s Dublin, based on a true story of an informant working for Dublin Castle authorities

[Frog Music](#)

by Emma Donoghue



Donoghue was born and raised in Dublin and attended University College Dublin. She commuted between England, Ireland, and Canada until settling in London, Ontario in 1998. Her book *Room* was shortlisted for the [Man Booker Prize](#) in 2010. *Frog Music* is based on a true unsolved crime.

[The Last Four Days of Paddy Buckley](#)

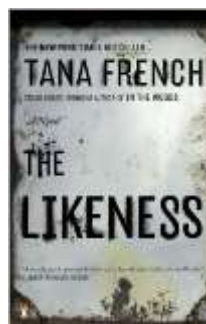
by Jeremy Massey



Paddy is an undertaker and grieving widow in Dublin, who accidentally hits the brother of a much-feared gangster on his way home one night.

[The Likeness](#)

by Tana French

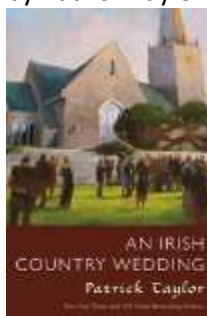


Dublin Murder Squad Series

In The Woods
The Likeness
Faithful Place
Broken Harbor
The Secret Place

[An Irish Country Wedding](#) (Irish Country #7)

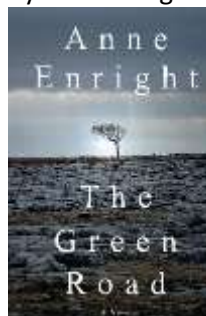
by Patrick Taylor



Dr. Fingal Flahertie O'Reilly has proposed to Kitty O'Hallorhan in Ballybucklebo, which is a village in Ulster. Leading up to the wedding, he needs to meet the needs of his eccentric patients.

[The Green Road](#)

by Anne Enright



Rosaleen's four adult children come home for one last Christmas together in their childhood home, when they hear their mother is going to sell it. Winner of the [Man Booker Prize](#).

[The Gathering](#)

by Anne Enright



This book won the 2007 [Man Booker Prize](#), and is about eight of nine surviving siblings returning to their mother's house in Dublin after Liam Hegarty, their brother, committed suicide.

[Are You Watching Me?](#)

by Sinéad Crowley



Can Anybody Help Me? was the first mystery with Sergeant Claire Boyle as the protagonist. The first one was an Irish bestseller and shortlisted for Crime Book of the Year at the BGE Irish Book Award. In the first book, Boyle was about to begin maternity leave, and in the second she'd just returned from it.

Contemporary selections:

Abaume, Sara:
Ahern, Cecilia:
Anderson, Darren:
Bannan, Sarah:
Banville, John:
Barry, Kevin:
Baume, Sara:
Beaufloy, Kate:
Bennet, Claire-Louise:
Berkeley, Sara:
Bolger, Demot:
Boyne, John:
Colfer, Eoin:
Conlon, Evelyn:
Connelly, John: The Book of Lost Things
Corbett, Gavin:
Crossan, Sarah:
Crowley, **Sinéad**:
Devlin, Martina:
Donoghue, Emma: Room
Doyle, Roddy
Duffy, Joe:
Dunphy, Eamon:
Enright, Anne:
Fannin, Hilary:
French, Tana:
Gebler, Carlo:
Gleeson, Sinéad:
Hamilton, Hugh:
Higgins, Maeve:
Kelly, Cathy:
Kerrigan, Kate:
Keyes, Marian:
MacMonagle, Niall:
McCann, Colum:
McCanney, Cormac:
McKeon, Belinda:
McLaughlin, Danielle:
McGrath, Paula:
McInerney, Lisa:
McKeon, Belinda:
McVeigh, Paul:
Morris, Thomas:
Nugent, Liz:
O'Brien, Edna:
O'Brien, Flann:
O'Connor, Joseph:
O'Connor, Nuala:
O'Flanagan, Sheila:
O'Neill, Louise:
Purcell, Deirde:
Ryan, Donal:
Tóibín, Colm:

Classic Irish authors:

Beckett, Samuel
Binchy, Maeve
Burke, Edmont
Friel, Brian
Joyce, James
Goldsmith, Author
Herriot, James
Lady Gregory
Lewis, C.S.
McCourt, Frank
O'Brien, Flann
O'Casey, Seán
Sayers, Pieg
Shaw, George Bernard
Stoker, Bram: Dracula
Swift, Jonathan
Synge, J.M.
Tolkien, J.R.R.
Wilde, Oscar
Yeats, William Butler

The Davy Byrnes short story award (organized by [The Stinging Fly](#) in association with Dublin Unesco City of Literature:

2014: "Solesearchers1" by Sara Baume

Shortlisted:

*Trevor Byrne (author of Ghosts & Lightning)

*Julian Gough (author of Juno & Juliet; Jude in Ireland)

*Arja Kayerno

*Coln McDermott

*Danielle McLauhlin

2009: "Foster" by Claire Keagan

2004: "Honey" by Anne Enright

[True Dublin](#) by Cormac McCanney coffee table book

[These Are Our Lives](#) features 22 short stories by Irish and international writers

Also check the:

1. [Dublin IMPAC Award](#); and

2. [Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award](#)

(organized in 2000, by the Cork, Ireland Munster Literature Centre)

Stinging Fly Press established in 2005, and published:

Watermark by Derry-born author Sean O'Reilly (2005)

Important dates in Irish history:

1845-1849: **The Great Famine**, also called **Irish Potato Famine**

April 23, 1916- **Easter Sunday**: The military council of the Irish Republican Brotherhood decided to begin the planned insurrection at noon the next day.

Mid-1990s to mid-2000s: **The Celtic Tiger**; the name for the rapid real economic growth, followed by a property bubble and the following recession.