

Adult, Young/Adult

Binchy, Maeve	<u>Circle of Friends</u>	Friends who grew up together in an Irish village, find their relationship tested by the new friendships, romances and opportunities that develop at a Dublin university.
Cahill, Thomas	<u>How the Irish Saved Civilization</u>	The untold story of Ireland's role in maintaining Western culture while the Dark Ages settled on Europe.
Donohoe, Kathleen	<u>Ashes of Fiery Weather</u>	Illuminates the lives of several generations of a firefighting family from famine-era Ireland to New York City a decade after 9/11.
Doyle, Roddy	<u>The Commitments</u>	The First the Barrytown Trilogy, a tale about a group of unemployed young people in the north side of Dublin, Ireland, who start a soul band.
Enright, Anne	<u>The Gathering</u>	The nine surviving children of the Hegarty clan are gathering in Dublin for the wake of their wayward brother,
Foley, Jesse	<u>The Carnival at Bray</u>	Set in the heyday of grunge, the story of Maggie Lynch, a displaced teenage Chicagoan and Nirvana fan, living in a quiet town Bray on the Irish Sea.
French, Tana	<u>Broken Harbor</u>	Part of the Dublin Murder Squad Series. On one of the half-abandoned "luxury" developments that litter Ireland, a father and his two young children have been murdered.
Joyce, James	<u>Dubliners</u>	Classic short story collection, tales of Ireland in the 1900s.
McCourt, Frank	<u>Angela's Ashes</u>	Pulitzer Prize winning memoir.
Sullivan, J. Courtney	<u>Saints for All Occasions</u>	The Flynn sisters leave their small village in Ireland and journey to America. The story follows twist and turns of relationships as a sudden death forces the sisters to confront the choices they made so long ago.
Toibin, Colm	<u>Brooklyn</u>	Eilis Lacey has come of age in small-town Ireland in the hard years following WWII. An Irish priest from Brooklyn offers to sponsor Eilis in America. She faces some difficult choices between her love and loyalty to her family and embracing a new life.

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For Children

Picture Books

Colter, Nicola	<u>A Dublin Fairytale</u>	Dublin is full of colorful characters and creatures from the fairytale realm. Often not seen or heard, they reside in some of Dublin's most famous locations and landmarks! Travel across the city with Fiona and her friends in this modern Dublin fairytale.
Dean, James	<u>Pete the Cat: The Great Leprechaun Chase</u>	It's St. Patrick's Day, and it's also the grand opening of Pete the Cat's leprechaun catching business. Pete gears up to trap a leprechaun for his friends! But catching a leprechaun is never easy.
dePaola, Tomie	<u>Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potato</u>	When his wife injures her back and can't do all the work, Jamie O'Rourke--the laziest man in all of Ireland--is sure he'll starve to death. A leprechaun intervenes, and one wish later, Jamie is the owner of a potato as big as a house! (series)
dePaola, Tomie	<u>Finn M'Coul</u>	Fin M'Coul lives atop windy Knockmany Hill, and spends his days with the other giants of Ireland, moving huge stones to build a causeway to Scotland. But one morning, he hears a rumor that the strongest giant in the land, is coming to find and fight him.
Gibbons, Gail	<u>St. Patrick's Day</u>	Everything you need to know about this holiday. You'll learn the story of Patrick's life, legends about the saint, and the history of the holiday.
Milligan, Bryce	<u>Brigid's Cloak: An Ancient Irish Story</u>	<i>A retelling of an ancient tale about one of Ireland's most beloved saints. On the day she is born Brigid receives a brilliant blue cloak from a mysterious Druid. Years later, the young girl still wears the now tattered but beloved cloak while she tends her sheep. Is it her imagination that suddenly takes her to an unfamiliar land? Or is it something far greater that leads Brigid to a crowded inn in a town called Bethlehem?</i>
Pingry, Patricia	<u>The Story of Saint Patrick's Day</u>	Saint Patrick's Day in a way that is simple enough for a toddler to understand. Vibrant illustrations are paired with the text and help create the connection between the story of the life of Saint Patrick and the way the holiday is celebrated today.
Schertle, Alice	<u>Jeremy Bean's Saint Patrick's Day</u>	Shy Jeremy Bean forgets, much to his humiliation, to wear green to school for St. Patrick's Day. (series)
Wallace, Adam	<u>How to Catch a Leprechaun</u>	You've been planning night and day, and finally you've created the perfect trap! Now all you need to do is wait. Is this the year you'll finally catch the leprechaun?
Wojciechowski, Susan	<u>A Fine St. Patrick's Day</u>	Welcome to the rival towns of Tralee and Tralah, where the annual St. Patrick's Day decorating contest is under way. Every year, Tralah defeats Tralee. This year, though, little Fiona Riley has a wonderful idea that will help Tralee win the contest for sure.

Intermediate Picture Books

Burke, John & Fatti	<u>Irelandopedia</u>	Get ready to go on an exciting adventure around Ireland. Unleash your imagination and sense of adventure as you discover Ireland like you've never seen it before!
dePaola, Tomie	<u>Patrick: Patron Saint of Ireland</u>	The life of Saint Patrick—from his noble birth in Britain, to his captivity in Ireland, to the visions which led him to return and found the first Christian church in Ireland.
Kroll, Steven	<u>Mary McClean and the Saint Patrick's Day Parade</u>	A St. Patrick's Day picture book that blends realism and folklore. In 1849, 9 year old Mary McLean and her family have just arrived from Ireland. Mary dreams of riding in New York City's St. Patrick's Day parade. She is promised this honor if she can find a perfect shamrock somewhere in the snow-covered city.
Nolan, Janet	<u>The Saint Patrick's Day Shillelagh</u>	A family retells the story of the shillelagh that was whittled from a tree. During the Irish potato famine, Fergus and his family left for America. But first Fergus cut a branch from a blackthorn tree to take a piece of Ireland with him.
Polacco, Patricia	<u>Fiona's Lace</u>	An Irish family stays together with the help of Fiona's talent for making one-of-a-kind lace in this heartwarming immigration story

Chapter Books

Colfer, Eoin	<u>Airman</u>	In the 1890s Conor and his family live on the sovereign Saltee Islands, off the Irish coast. Conor's idyllic life changes forever the day he discovers a deadly conspiracy against the king. When Conor is branded a traitor and thrown into jail, he has to fight for his life.
Dennenberg, Barry	<u>So Far From Home: the Diary of Mary Driscoll (Dear America Series)</u>	The story of 14-year-old Mary Driscoll's escape from the famine in her native County Cork, Ireland, and her new life working in a textile mill in Lowell, MA,
Drinkwater, Carol	<u>The Hunger: An Irish Girl's Diary</u>	It's 1845, and blight has destroyed the precious potato crop leaving Ireland starving. Phyllis works hard to support her struggling family, but when her mother's health fails she sets off in search of her rebel brother and is soon swept up in Ireland's fight for freedom.
Giff, Patricia Reilly	<u>Nory Ryan's Song</u>	Nory Ryan's family has lived on Maidin Bay on the west coast of Ireland for generations, raising a pig and a few chickens, planting potatoes, getting by. A terrible blight attacks the potatoes. No crop means starvation. 12 year old Nory must summon the courage and ingenuity to find food, to find hope, to find a way to help her family survive.
Giff, Patricia Reilly	<u>Maggie's Door</u>	The story of the journey from Ireland to America told by both Nory and her neighbor and friend Sean, 2 different stories with the same destination - Brooklyn, America.
Pope, Mary Osborn	<u>Leprechaun in Late Winter (Magic Tree House Series)</u>	Jack and Annie are on a mission to find (and inspire!) creative people. This time, Jack and Annie meet an Irish girl and go on a magical adventure that changes the girl's life.

Pope, Mary Osborn	<u>Leprechauns and Irish Folklore (Fact Checker Magic Tree House Series)</u>	What are leprechauns? How do we know many of the old Irish stories? How do fairies spend their time? Who speaks the Irish language? Find out the answers to these questions and more.
Warner, Gertrude	<u>The Legend of the Irish Castle (Boxcar Children Mystery)</u>	The Aldens visit Ireland and stay in a beautiful castle that's now a hotel! But the caretaker seems very superstitious, and at night they see a mysterious figure who walks the halls carrying a lantern. Could it be one of the banshees of ancient legend?