

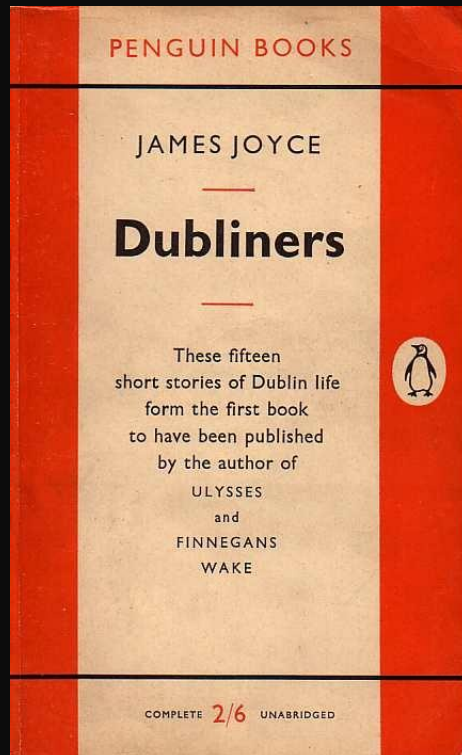


IRISH LITERATURE AND FILM



Literature

- Irish literature has been internationally recognized for the last 80 years, 4 of its writers have been rewarded by a Nobel Prize: Yeats, Joyce, Shaw, Beckett and Heaney and we can't talk about Irish literature without mentioned Oscar Wilde.





**EVER TRIED.
EVER FAILED.
NO MATTER.
TRY AGAIN.
FAIL AGAIN.
FAIL BETTER.**

Samuel Beckett (1906-1989)

**LIFE ISN'T ABOUT
FINDING YOURSELF.
LIFE IS ABOUT
CREATING
YOURSELF.**

George Bernard Shaw



If you are interested in literature, don't miss the Writers Museum in Dublin. Discover and explore the immense Irish literacy heritage. The museum offers temporary exhibitions and lunchtime theatre.

The National Library of Ireland is also a great source of information and history.

Literary Festivals

The contemporary Irish literature has a very good reputation nowadays and every year many literary festivals take place on the Island.

- Dublin Book Festival, beginning of March, famous book event in Ireland with authors, journalists, poets and thinkers from more than 80 countries but also debates, reading, seminars, workshop....
- Bloomsday, the 16th of June, the day to celebrate the life of the famous Irish writer James Joyce.
- Galway Art's Festival, in July, 2 weeks of events around Irish and international arts in the cultural city of Galway.
- Patrick Kavanagh Writers Weekend, from the 28th to the 30th of September 2012, poetry workshops with well recognized poets organized by The Patrick Kavanagh Centre.
- Aspects Irish Literature Festival in Bangor, end of September.
- The Bard of Armagh, in November, festival of humorous verse.

Film

- Ireland becomes to interest more and more producers and the Irish movie industry is growing. A decade ago Ireland was not so recognized for its huge amount of filmmakers; Neil Jordan and Jim Sheridan were the only two memorable. Things have changed and today the amount of talent isn't proportional to the size of the country.



Famous Irish Movies

- Bloody Sunday

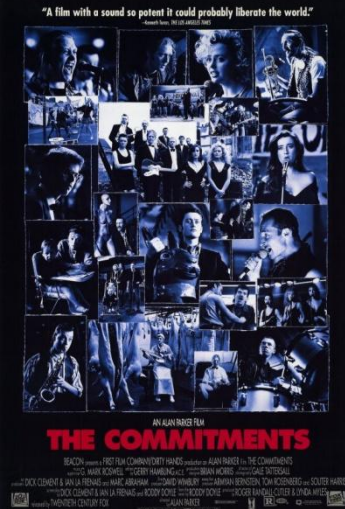
Paul Greengrass's harrowing film about the historical day looks as if it was an actual documentary and the immediacy is overwhelming.

- The Commitments

Based on Roddy Doyle's buoyant debut novel, Alan Parker's exuberant. The Commitments follows a cobbled-together band whose vision is to bring soul music to Dublin.

- The Magdalene Sisters

The Magdalene Sisters is a bold, shocking and powerful film. Through the fictional stories of three Irish girls, Peter Mullins (Orphans) recreates a shameful period in history.



- The Irish Film Institute in Dublin is a mine of information if you want to learn more about Irish cinema. The Institute delivers a challenging program of international and Irish film culture through diverse projections, festivals and events.



The Jameson Dublin International Film Festival is held in February during 10 days. The internationally known festival offers a large program of movies and events around the Irish Cinema.

