

### ***The Young Wan***

by Brendan O'Carroll

(2003) Book

Set in Jarro, a working class neighborhood in north Dublin, this prequel to the Agnes Browne trilogy introduces Agnes as a young woman, follows her friendships and escapades, and tells how she meets her husband-to-be.

### ***Hamnet***

by Maggie O'Farrell

(2021) Book, LP, eBook, eAudiobook

Evocative, prize-winning historical fiction set in England in the 1580s, when the bubonic plague found its way across Europe.

The story partially focuses on William Shakespeare's son, Hamnet, but goes

beyond to imagine the inner lives of Shakespeare himself, his wife, daughters, and extended family, exploring their relationships to each other and their reactions to Hamnet's death.

### ***We Don't Know Ourselves: A Personal History of Modern Ireland***

by Fintan O'Toole

(2022) Book, eBook, eAudiobook

A veteran journalist explores how during his lifetime Ireland has changed from a reactionary "backwater" to an almost totally open society. An award-winning read that is part memoir and partly a history of social, cultural and economic change. To view a discussion with the author, search the internet for "[Fintan O'Toole Live at NYPL](#)" (New York Public Library).

### ***Love and Summer***

by William Trevor

(2009) Book

In a small Irish town in the mid-1950s, Ellie, the young convent-raised wife of an older farmer, has her world turned upside-down with the arrival of handsome bachelor, Florian Kilderry.

### ***An Irish Country Doctor***

by Patrick Taylor

(2007) Book, LP, BOC

Meet larger-than-life Dr. Fingal Flahertie O'Reilly, his newly qualified assistant, Dr. Barry Laverty, and their colorful country patients. Book one in a series.

### ***Brooklyn***

by Colm Toibin

(2009) Book, LP, BOC, eBook, eAudiobook

We follow Eilis' journey from 1950's Ireland to Brooklyn. She finds work and romance, only to be called back to Ireland where events threaten the promise of her future.

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# IRISH AUTHORS



### ***The Secret Scripture***

by Sebastian Barry

(2008) Book, LP, eBook, eAudiobook

Centenarian Roseanne McNulty decides to write the story of her life and hide it in the floorboards of the mental hospital where she is a patient. Her doctor discovers a different account of events, and together they uncover long-buried secrets.

### ***Christine Falls***

by Benjamin Black (John Banville)

(2006) Book

Pathologist Quirke and Malachy Griffin were raised as brothers, but when Quirke finds Mal altering a file, and possibly tampering with a body, he follows the trail to a conspiracy in the highest levels of the Catholic Church. First in a series of seven.



### ***Circle of Friends***

by Maeve Binchy

(1990) Book, LP, eBook

Inseparable friends Bennie Hogan and Eve Malone share their childhood in the small village of Knockglen and their widening world as they grow and move on to university. Released as a movie in 1995.

### ***How the Irish Saved Civilization***

by Thomas Cahill

(1995) Book, LP, BOC

During the Dark Ages, on an island far from the troubled continent, monks and scribes laboriously copied and preserved works of western history. And, when stability returned to Europe, these Irish scholars spread learning and helped restore western civilization.

### ***The Book of Lost Things***

by John Connolly

(2006) Book, LP, BOC

David's world is turned upside down by the death of his mother, his father's remarriage, the birth of a sibling, and the ravages of WWII. When a German bomber crashes in his garden, he is transported to a magical world where fairytales are not as sweet as he once imagined.

### ***The Gathering***

by Anne Enright

(2007) Book, LP, BOC

Centered on the funeral of brother Liam Hegarty, sister Veronica digs into her family's past to come to terms with his suicide and uncovers startling secrets.

### ***The Searcher***

by Tana French

(2020) Book, LP, BOC, Playaway, eBook, eAudiobook

Ex-cop Cal Hooper leaves Chicago for rural Ireland, hoping to start a new life in a quiet town with a nice pub. He soon discovers that the town is not as quiet as it seems and that he has not left his old life behind.

### ***Small Things Like These***

by Claire Keegan

(2021) Book, eBook, eAudiobook

In a small Irish town, in the days leading up to Christmas, a coal merchant takes on a difficult ethical situation at the local convent.

### ***The Brightest Star in the Sky***

by Marian Keyes

(2010) Book, LP, BOC, eBook

Seven neighbors in a Dublin townhouse find their lives entangled by the visitation of a sassy and prescient spirit that causes them to rethink their relationships, careers, and values.

### ***Let the Great World Spin***

by Colum McCann

(2009) Book, LP, BOC, eBook

In the summer of 1974 all eyes are on Philippe Petit, walking between the Twin Towers on a tightrope. Below, as seen through Irish eyes, people are coping with the end of the Vietnam war, mothers mourning the loss of sons, urban violence and the coming financial ruin of the city.

### ***A Man With One of Those Faces***

by Caimh McDonnell

(2016) Book

This thriller-comedy opens in a hospital, where Paul Mulchrone is paid to comfort patients with memory issues. The situation rapidly changes until we find our hero on the run, trying to stay alive and solve a crime at the same time. First book in a best-selling trilogy set in Dublin.

### ***Ghosts of Belfast***

by Stuart Neville

(2009) Book, eBook

Released after 12 years in Maze prison, Gerry Fegan, a hardened IRA killer, returns to Belfast where he is haunted by the ghosts of his innocent victims who demand the execution of those who ordered their killing.

