

Irish Literature in English

Like its sister Celtic nations (Scotland, Wales, and Brittany) Ireland is a land of poets and musicians.

Many of the most famous writers in the English language were born in Ireland.

	Titre en français	Author	Summary
Gulliver's Travels			
Ulysses			
The Portrait of Dorian Grey			
Dracula			
The Narnia Chronicles			
Angela's Ashes			
August is a Wicked Month			
Waiting for Godot			
The House in Paris			
Pygmalion			
Paddy Clarke ha ha ha			
The Star of the Sea			

- A. A murder takes place on a famine ship on the voyage from Ireland to America...
- B. Children discover a mysterious world where there are many mythical creatures...
- C. A little boy comes back to Ireland from America and experiences terrible poverty...
- D. The definitive vampire tale !
- E. A man never gets older thanks to the existence a magic painting.
- F. A day in the life of Stephen Dedalus.
- G. An English doctor travels the world and meets lots of strange people in strange lands.
- H. Eliza Doolittle becomes a scientific and social experiment.
- I. Recently separated, Ellen goes looking for love in France...
- J. Vladimir and Estragon chat as they wait for a mysterious person...
- K. Two young children, Henrietta and Leopold, are waiting to continue their journeys.
- L A little boy grows up in Barrytown, Dublin. He is bored at school and isolated at home.

Pop and Rock

Irish pop and rock is an important part of the music scene. Here are a few well-known songs. Write the names of the artistes and listen to the songs. Write OK in column 3 when you have heard them.

	Group	Column 3
I will follow Gloria New Year's Day Pride (in the name of Love) With or without you You're the best thing about me		
Teenage Kicks, Jimmy Jimmy You got my number Beautiful friend		
Gloria The Bright side of the Road Brown-eyed girl Full Force Gale		
Dreams Zombie Linger		
Nothing compares to you I do not want what I haven't got		
Only when I sleep Runaway Breathless My Lagan Love		
Whiskey in the jar The Boys are back in town		
Rat trap I don't like Mondays		
Alternative Ulster		
Love don't work this way		
Robin (the hooded man)		
All that I need		
Take me to church		

Poetry

Two of the most famous Irish poets

Seamus Heaney: (Nobel Prize) (born 1939, Castledawson, Co. Londonderry, died Dublin 2013).

William Butler Yeats : (born Sandymount, Co. Dublin 1865, died Roquebrune (France), 1939).

Folk music

Listen to these famous Irish folk tunes

The cliffs of Donneen - Christie Moore

The Wild Rover - The Dubliners

16 come next Sunday - The Bothy Band

Lannigan's Ball - Fiddlers Green

The Tri-coloured Ribbon - The Wolfe Tones

Molly Malone - Ronnie Drew

The Fureys - Red Rose Café

Irish music has influenced British bands too.

The Raggle-Taggle Gipsy - The Waterboys

Irish Rover - The Pogues

The Green Fields of France - The Men they couldn't Hang