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Global Reading Challenge: Ireland

DB50702 Fairy And Folk Tales Of Ireland by W.B. Yeats (folktales)

A collection of folk tales, songs, poems, and legends gathered by Yeats and first published separately as Fairy and Folk Tales of the Irish Peasantry in 1888 and Irish Fairy Tales in 1892. The cast of characters includes fairies, leprechauns, pookas, ghosts, witches, giants, and royalty. 1923 Nobel laureate in Literature.

DB101582 Holding by Graham Norton (mystery fiction)

Human remains--suspected to be those of Tommy Burke--are found on an old farm in the remote Irish village of Duneen. As a frustrated Sergeant P. J. Collins struggles to solve a genuine case for the first time in his professional life, he unearths a community's worth of anger and resentments, secrets and regrets. Unrated. 2016.

DB91054 Galway Bay by Mary Pat Kelly (historical fiction)

1839. Soon after Honora Keeley is accepted to the convent, she meets Michael Kelly and they fall in love. As the Great Starvation sweeps across Ireland, they struggle to feed their growing family. Then, an opportunity to immigrate to America is offered to them. Conflict follows the family. Some violence. 2009.

DB43536 Light A Penny Candle by Maeve Binchy (friendship fiction)

From the time in 1940 when shy, ten-year-old Elizabeth White is evacuated from wartime London and plunged into a large and contentious family in the Irish village of Kilgarret, she and Aisling O'Connor are destined to be the best of friends. This novel follows their lives together and apart over the decades. 1983.

DB100108 The Pull Of The Stars by Emma Donoghue (historical fiction)

Dublin is being ravaged by the Spanish Flu. Nurse Julia Power works in a severely understaffed hospital when two new women are detailed to help. Doctor Kathleen Lynn is rumored to be a rebel on the run from the police, and Bridie Sweeney is a young volunteer. Unrated. 2020.

DB101040 Snow; St. John Strafford 02 by John Banville (historical crime fiction)
DI Strafford has been summoned to County Wexford to investigate a murder. A parish priest has been found dead in Ballyglass House, the family seat of the aristocratic, secretive Osborne family. In 1957, the Catholic Church rules Ireland with an iron fist, and Protestant Strafford faces obstruction at every turn, including heavily accumulating snow. Unrated. 2020.

DB58484 St. Patrick of Ireland: A Biography by Philip Freeman (biography)
Life of St. Patrick based on his two surviving letters: one a defense of his work in Ireland, the other condemning a slave-raiding king and his pirates. Recounts Patrick's kidnapping by Irish pirates, years of slavery, escape, and eventual return to minister to the Irish people. Debunks many myths. 2004.

DB46489 Michael Collins: A Life by James MacKay (biography)
Biography of Ireland's hero of the civil war with Great Britain. Collins first fought in the Easter Rising of 1916, was arrested and, once released, joined the Sinn Fein. He rose to become the minister of finance and director of intelligence for the Irish Free State. Collins was assassinated by the Irish Republican Army at the age of thirty-one while at home in County Cork. 1997.

DB87937 Bitter Freedom: Ireland In A Revolutionary World by Maurice Walsh
A narrative account of the Irish Revolution, which was the war between British authorities and the newly formed Irish Republican Army. Places the events within a global context, discusses the influence of Europe and America, and portrays life in Ireland at the time. 2016.

DB105491 All Standing: The Remarkable Story Of The Jeanie Johnston, The Legendary Irish Famine Ship by Kathryn Miles (world history)
Fleeing the Great Famine, at least one-tenth of Irish emigrants perished on their voyage to America. But one ship, the Jeanie Johnston, never lost a single passenger. The author shares detailed stories of these passengers, and the people who kept them safe. Some violence. 2013.