

Reading/Viewing/Listening List

for travelers to Ireland

**The items listed below (books, film, music) are for motivated international travelers to peruse in their free time. These materials are not meant in any way to supplant coursework, reading assignments, or academic goals given by CSB/SJU program directors. Our belief is that our most internally-driven study abroad students' travel experiences will be illuminated by these quintessential cultural representations of the Irish experience.*

Printed Materials

Travel Guides

1. *Lonely Planet Ireland*, Lonely Planet
2. *Frommer's Ireland*, by Suzanne Rowan Kelleher, Frommer's
3. *Ireland for Dummies*, by Elizabeth Albertson
4. *The Traveler's Guide to Sacred Ireland*, by Cary Meehan
5. *Atlas of Irish History*, Sean Duff

Travel Memoirs and Nonfiction

1. *Round Ireland with a Fridge*, Tony Hawks
2. *McCarthy's Bar: A Journey of Discovery in Ireland*, Pete McCarthy
3. *Oh Come Ye Back to Ireland: Our First Year in County Clare*, Niall Williams
4. *Ireland's Eye Travels*, Mark Anthony Jarman

Travel memoirs are nonfiction works that recount an author's experience traveling or living in an unfamiliar place. Often, they provide especially clear insights into cultural quirks from an outsiders' perspective. There are innumerable nonfiction books, dating from many periods of history, about aspects of Irish history, culture, arts, geography and otherwise. Read to your interests.

Irish Literature

The following novelists/poets/writers are outstanding representatives of the Irish national literature. Classic works by individual authors appear in parentheses.

1. James Joyce (*Dubliners*, *Ulysses*, *short stories*)
2. William Butler Yeats (*Poems*)
3. Jonathan Swift (*Gulliver's Travels*)
4. Seamus Heaney (*Poems*)
5. Oscar Wilde (*An Ideal Husband*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*)
6. Sean O'Casey (*Juno and the Paycock*, *The Plough and the Stars*)
7. George Bernard Shaw (*Pygmalion*)
8. Leon Uris (*Trinity*)
9. Frank McCourt (*Angela's Ashes*)
10. John M. Synge (*In the Shadow of the Glen*, *Riders to the Sea*, *The Tinker's Wedding*, *Playboy of the Western World*)

Film

Documentary Films

1. *Battle of Bogside*, 2003
2. *The Brighton Bomb*, 2001

3. Irish Empire, 1999
4. Irish Writers, 2003

Popular Films (Name, Director, Year)

1. **The Wind that Shakes the Barley, Ken Loach, 2006**
2. Michael Collins, Neil Jordan, 1996
3. Tristan and Isolde, Kevin Reynolds, 2006
4. **Intermission, John Crowley, 2003**
5. **Waking Ned Divine, Kirk Jones, 1998**
6. In the Name of the Father, Jim Sheridan, 1993
7. **Angela's Ashes, Alan Parker, 1999**
8. The Secret of Roan Inish, John Sayles, 1994

Music

Classical Musicians/Composers

1. Clancy Brothers
2. Tommy Makem
3. De Danaan
4. Furey Brothers & Davey Arthur
5. Ronnie Drew

Popular Musicians/Bands

1. U2
2. The Pogues
3. Clannad
4. The Cranberries
5. Sinead O'Connor
6. Van Morrison
7. My Bloody Valentine
8. Rory Gallagher
9. Horslips