

IRISH HISTORY BOOKS



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INTRODUCTION

- ✘ Sexy magic practice, life changing guided journey experiences... start with how things were. Irish History Books.
- ✘ Similarities between different historical languages and cultures grouped together for academic study and convenience
- ✘ Irish Pagans differentiate – surface similarities developed differently
- ✘ *(Note: This will also apply for future resource recommendations in this series, so please keep it in mind. Please also note that the following links are affiliate, which means if you buy through them, we get a few cents from the evil empire at no cost to you. Book descriptions are based on the Publisher's info.)*

THE SACRED ISLE: BELIEF
AND RELIGION IN
PRE-CHRISTIAN IRELAND

Dáithí O hOgain (Author). Boydell Press (November 4, 2001).

DÁITHÍ Ó HÓGÁIN

- ✘ Associate Professor of Irish Folklore at University College Dublin, and an international authority on folklore and traditional literature. RIP.
- ✘ The first modern study of prehistoric religion in Ireland to draw on the combined evidence of archaeology, literature and folklore to illuminate practice and belief from the earliest human habitation in the island down to the advent of Christianity in the fifth century AD.
- ✘ Buy it from Amazon US – <https://amzn.to/2BYFOeT>
- ✘ Buy it from Amazon UK – <https://amzn.to/33woUj8>

THE LORE OF IRELAND: AN
ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF MYTH,
LEGEND AND ROMANCE

Dáithí Ó hOgáin (Author). Boydell Press; 1st edition (May 21, 2006).

DÁITHÍ Ó HÓGÁIN

- ✘ Standard reference – 350 substantial entries, in alphabetical order
- ✘ With full references to sources, a synopsis of relevant stories, and discussion of their origin, nature and development.
- ✘ Genre–list of material under Mythical Lore, Fianna Cycle, Ulster Cycle, King Cycles, Peoples and Traditions, Religious Lore, and Folk Custom and Belief.
- ✘ Wealth of genealogical detail, indicating how historical and social circumstances have influenced the growth and spread of Irish lore.
- ✘ Buy it from Amazon US – <https://amzn.to/39ZZCuQ>
- ✘ Buy it from Amazon UK – <https://amzn.to/2Dm2Mxj>

DRUIDS: A VERY SHORT INTRODUCTION

Barry Cunliffe (Author). OUP Oxford; 1 edition (May 27, 2010).

BARRY CUNLIFFE

- ✘ Who were the Druids? What do we know about them? Do they still exist today?
- ✘ Crosses a little into later resource categories, by looking at the origins of modern Druidry... but I feel it's an important – and easy – grounding in the older history first and foremost.
- ✘ Available in many different formats, but if you get the audiobook please be aware that the Irish language pronunciation – at least – is not reliable throughout.
- ✘ Buy it from Amazon US – <https://amzn.to/2XvWu1B>
- ✘ Buy it from Amazon UK – <https://amzn.to/2DfAR2a>

THE OXFORD COMPANION TO IRISH HISTORY

S. J. Connolly (Editor). Oxford Univ Pr; 2 edition (April 8, 2011).

S. J. CONNOLLY (EDITOR)

- ✘ Essential reference to have on the shelf, particularly for those times you run across some level of bullshit on the internet and just want to give it a quick and easy check over!
- ✘ Over 1,800 entries, a comprehensive and authoritative guide to all aspects of Ireland's past, from earliest times to the present day.
- ✘ Covers politics, organizations, events, dress, music, sport, and diet.
- ✘ Topics like the 1978 rebellion, Irish Civil War, women's history, etc.

- ✘ Buy it from Amazon US – <https://amzn.to/31opOLN>
- ✘ Buy it from Amazon UK – <https://amzn.to/3ieNnxp>

IRISH CUSTOMS AND BELIEFS

Kevin Danaher (Author). Mercier Press (29 April 2000).

KEVIN DANAHER

- ✘ Most books by this author are out of print, unfortunately, but if you can pick up a copy of his "Year in Ireland", definitely do.
- ✘ "Irish Customs and Beliefs" is a book of stories and beliefs of all kinds of things to do with old Ireland: highwaymen and travelling people, the Irish whiteboys, lost and hidden treasures. Beliefs associated with birds, insects, animals, plants, bushes, trees and stones, dwarfs and fabulous water monsters, ghosts, witches, castles and drowned cities.
- ✘ Buy it from Amazon US – <https://amzn.to/31mXRUU>
- ✘ Buy it from Amazon UK – <https://amzn.to/3fuEPkk>

THE BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO IRISH PAGANISM SERIES

- ✘ There are of course, many fantastic books that are on my shelves that don't appear in this list, and this is no reflection on their worth or value.
- ✘ Choices for my Irish History Books recommendations were made factoring in availability (at time of writing), and most general usefulness.

Coming Soon...

- ✘ Irish Gods and Goddesses Books
- ✘ Online Sources
- ✘ Irish Paganism Books
- ✘ Irish Language Resources
- ✘ Irish Cultural Resources

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