



Irish and Greek American Heritage Month Booklist March 2013



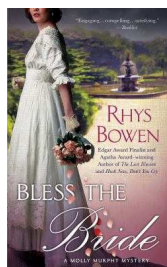
America's cultural patchwork quilt includes people from many European cultures. March honors Irish Americans and Greek Americans. Congress and the president proclaimed March as Irish-American Heritage Month in 1991 to honor contributions and achievements of Irish Americans. The March 17 Irish national holiday celebrates Ireland's patron St. Patrick. Similarly, the contributions of Greek Americans are honored this month because Greek Independence Day is March 25.

The following is a selected list of resources that will help you learn more about Irish- and Greek-American history and ancestry. All books are available at the Norfolk Public Library and genealogical online resources may be viewed at any of the public computer stations located in the library, and other databases may be viewed from home or in any library. Also, The Sargeant Memorial Collection has materials on Irish and Greek genealogy.

For more reading or viewing recommendations or research assistance, ask at any branch library.

FICTION

The following is a selected list of recent fiction books that provide an insight into the Irish American and Greek American experience in the United States through literature and storytelling.

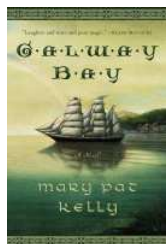


Bless the Bride

(Rhys Bowen) With Molly Murphy's wedding to NYPD Captain Daniel Sullivan quickly approaching, the Irish P.I. promises to leave her detective work behind and settle down after becoming Daniel's wife... but she isn't married yet. So when she gets word of a possible case, Molly sneaks back into the city to squeeze in a little more sleuthing (a powerful Chinatown businessman hires Molly to find his missing bride) before her own wedding bells can ring.

Broken Irish

(Edward J. Delaney) Set in the late 1990's in Boston, a time when even the local Catholic Church is party to a scandal that threatens to unravel, Edward J. Delaney's intricately structured Broken Irish moves with the pace of a thriller, but delves more deeply into its lives. This engrossing novel about corruption and redemption gives sympathetic voice to the voiceless and offers an unflinching look at the workings of a community in the throes of change.

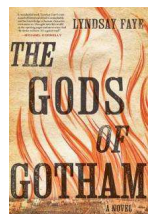


Galway Bay

(Mary Pat Kelly) Spanning six generations and filled with joy, sadness, and heroism, the story of young Honora Keeley and Michael Kelly sheds brilliant light on the ancestors of today's forty-four million Irish Americans--and is a universal story you will never forget.

The Girl on the Cliff: A Novel

(*Lucinda Riley*) Troubled by a recent miscarriage, Grania Ryan leaves her loving boyfriend in New York and seeks solace at her family's home in Ireland and forms a close friendship with a young girl whose family history is intertwined with Grania's own. A compelling and romantic novel of recovery, redemption, new opportunities, and lost love.

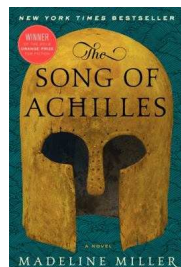


The Gods of Gotham

(*Lyndsay Faye*) In 1854 New York City forms its first police force and the great potato famine hits Ireland. These two seemingly disparate events will change New York City. Joining the newly formed NYPD, Timothy reluctantly assumes his duties near the notorious Five Points slum, where in the middle of the night he hears a little girl's claim that dozens of bodies have been buried in a local forest.

May the Road Rise Up to Meet You: A Novel

(*Peter Troy*) An engrossing, epic American drama told from four distinct perspectives, spanning the first major wave of Irish immigration to New York through the end of the Civil War.



The Song of Achilles

(*Madeline Miller*) Patroclus, an awkward young prince, follows Achilles into war, little knowing that the years that follow will test everything they have learned, everything they hold dear. And that, before he is ready, he will be forced to surrender his friend to the hands of Fate. Built on the groundwork of *The Iliad*, Madeline Miller's award-winning novel is a page-turning, profoundly moving, and blisteringly paced retelling of the epic Trojan War.

Tales From a Greek Island

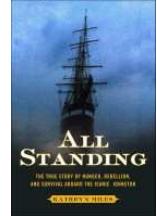
(*Alexandros Papadiamantis*) Set on the author's native Aegean island of Skiathos, these twelve stories capture the folkways of Greece. With acute observation of daily activities and loving descriptions of land and sea, Papadiamantis portrays the beauty and harshness of traditional island life. His prose captivates a reader with its rich combination of realism and symbolism, sensuality and mysticism, insularity and universality. Written near the turn of the century, these works speak today in ways both remarkable and familiar.

NONFICTION

The following is a selected list of recent nonfiction books that provide a glimpse into the Irish American and Greek American experience in the United States.

All Standing: The Remarkable Story of the Jeanie Johnston, the Legendary Irish Famine Ship

(*Kathryn Miles*) The dramatic true tale of a boy born at sea during the Irish Potato famine and the “coffin ship” that saved him and thousands of others from one of the world’s greatest humanitarian crises. No matter who merits the credit for the Jeanie Johnston’s career, credit there was, for her voyages were distinguished for not losing any passengers; Irish immigrants died in droves on other ships.



The Civil War of 1812: American Citizens, British Subjects, Irish Rebels, and Indian Allies
(*Alan Taylor*) In this deeply researched and clearly written book, the Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Alan Taylor tells the riveting story of a war that redefined North America. During the early nineteenth century, Britons and Americans renewed their struggle over the legacy of the American Revolution.

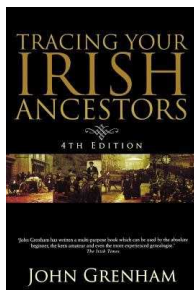
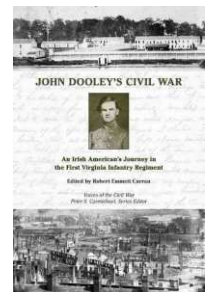


The Harp and the Eagle: Irish-American Volunteers and the Union Army, 1861-1865

(*Susannah Ural Bruce*) On the eve of the Civil War, the Irish were one of America’s largest ethnic groups, and approximately 150,000 fought for the Union. Analyzing letters and diaries written by soldiers and civilians; military, church, and diplomatic records; and community newspapers, Susannah Ural Bruce significantly expands the story of Irish American Catholics in the Civil War, and reveals a complex picture of those who fought for the Union.

John Dooley’s Civil War: An Irish American’s Journey in the First Virginia Infantry Regiment

(*John Dooley; Robert Curran, ed.*) This new and expanded edition of the wartime diaries of Confederate Soldier John Dooley provides readers with a dramatically broader narrative of the experiences of this Irish American secessionist than both his own edited manuscripts and subsequent twentieth century publications. This volume, as with previous versions, covers Dooley’s experiences in some of the most important battles of the Civil War, but it also includes large sections of more mundane text that shed light on the everyday travails of soldiers, and provides critical pre-war and reconstruction-era political essays that position Dooley in the canon of “noble cause” literature.

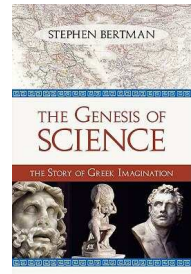


Tracing Your Irish Ancestors: The Complete Guide

(*John Grenham*) The Internet is changing the way genealogical research is done. This book is an indispensable guide to what records in Ireland are available online; where they are; and what they mean.

The Genesis of Science: The Story of Greek Imagination

(*Stephen Bertman*) While it's common knowledge that the study of science originated with the ancient Greeks, we don't often think about why the Greeks were so interested in science in the first place. In this book, Bertman examines the scientific achievements of the ancient Greeks, showing how (and why) they attempted to explain the forces that shape the world.

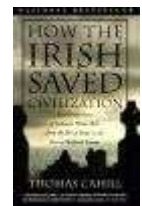


Greek Revival: Cooking for Life

(*Patricia Moore-Pastides*) Includes many healthy dishes of the Mediterranean. Throughout the book Moore-Pastides shares lively stories of her days living in Greece and Cyprus that exemplify the enduring charm of an Old World lifestyle.

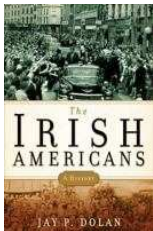
Green Suede Shoes: An Irish-American Odyssey

(*Larry Kirwan*) This rock 'n' roll *Angela's Ashes* begins in County Wexford, Ireland, in the late 1950s, as Kirwan finds himself side by side with the Ramones and Blondie at CBGBs; the brothers McCourt, Lester Bangs, and Nick Tosches at The Bells of Hell; the Guinness soaked regulars of Paddy Reilly's; Cyndi Lauper while she ascends and burns; Joe Strummer, Rick Ocasek, Neil Young, and Shane McGowan.



How the Irish Saved Civilization: The Untold Story of Ireland's Heroic Role from the Fall of Rome to the Rise of Medieval Europe

(*Thomas Cahill*) A lively popular historical account of the pivotal role played by Irish monks in transcribing and preserving Classical civilization during the Middle Ages while libraries on the continent were lost and how the vibrant cultural influence of Ireland was replanted in Europe and influencing Western culture forever.



The Irish Americans: A History

(*Jay P. Dolan*) A celebratory history of the Irish in America from the eighteenth century to the present, by one of the nation's most eminent scholars of the immigrant experience. This popular history is accessible to adults and teens.

Irish Cooking: Over 70 Deliciously Authentic Irish Recipes

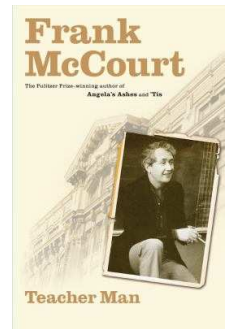
(*Biddy White-Lennon & Georgina Campbell*) More than 90 delicious step-by-step recipes that capture the essence of Irish cooking.

North of Ithaca: A Journey Home through a Family's Extraordinary Past

(*Eleni N. Gage*) Eleni Gage was determined to come to terms with her family's tragic history. Along the way, she learned to dodge bad omens, battle scorpions on her pillow, and the shadows in her heart. She also came to understand that Greece and its memories were not only dark and death-filled, and that memories of the dead can bring new life to the present and hope to the future.

Teacher Man: A Memoir

(*Frank McCourt*) Following his prior memoirs, *Angela's Ashes* and *'Tis*, McCourt tells of his struggles to find his way in the classroom and spends his evenings drinking with writers and dreaming of one day putting his own story to paper. *Teacher Man* shows McCourt developing his unparalleled ability to tell a great story as, five days a week, five periods per day, he works to gain the attention and respect of unruly, hormonally charged or indifferent adolescents. McCourt's rocky marriage, his failed attempt to get a Ph.D., and his repeated firings due to his propensity to talk back to his superiors ironically lead him to New York's most prestigious school, Stuyvesant High School, where he finally finds a place and a voice.



Where to Find Your Arab-American or Jewish Genealogy Records: Also: Mediterranean, Assyrian, Iranian, Greek & Armenian

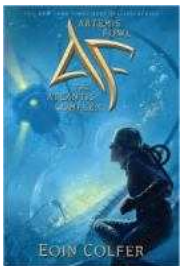
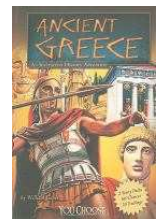
(*Anne Hart*) A look at how and where to find Greek and other Mediterranean genealogy records.

JUVENILE AND YOUNG ADULT

The following is a selected list of recent fiction and nonfiction books that provide an insight into the Irish American and Greek American experience in the United States through literature and storytelling.

Ancient Greece: An Interactive History Adventure

(*William Caper*) Describes the life and times of ancient Greece. The readers' choices reveal the historical details of life from the perspectives of a resident of Athens and a resident of Sparta.



Artemis Fowl

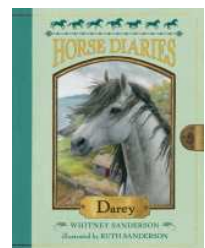
(*Eoin Colfer*) Twelve year old Artemis Fowl is not your typical Irish kid. He is the most ingenious criminal mastermind in history. With two trusty sidekicks in tow, he hatches a cunning plot to divest the fairy folk of their pot of gold. Fantastic stuff from beginning to end, the *Artemis Fowl* series is a rip-roaring, 21st-century romp of the highest order.

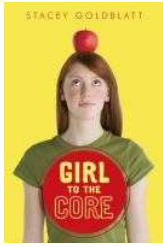
The Cooking of Greece

(*Matthew Locricchio*) Mouthwatering, close-up color photos make this book a visual feast for chefs grade 5 and up.

Darcy

(*Whitney Sanderson; illustrated by Ruth Sanderson*) Ireland, 1917. Darcy is a light gray Connemara pony with silver dapples. She's fast and tough, whether she's pulling a load of peat from the bog or riding around the rugged countryside with Shannon McKenna, her human family's eldest daughter. But when Mrs. McKenna needs a doctor, Darcy discovers a skill that will change her and her family's life forever. Like *Black Beauty*, this moving novel is told in first person from the horse's point of view





Girl to the Core (YA)

(*Stacey Goldblatt*) Fifteen-year-old Molly gains support from her extended Irish American family and enlightenment in Girl Corps philosophy and activities as she deals with a cheating boyfriend and overbearing best friend.

I Have an Olive Tree

(*Eve Bunting; illustrated by Karen Barbour*) After her grandfather's death, eight-year-old Sophia fulfills his last request and journeys to Greece with her mother to see the land where her roots are.

Irish Immigrants, 1840-1920

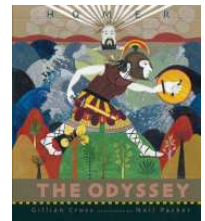
(*Megan O'Hara*) Discusses the reasons Irish people left their homeland to come to America, the experiences immigrants had in the new country, and the contributions this cultural group made to American society.

Nobody's Prize (YA)

(*Esther Friesner*) Still longing for adventure, Princess Helen of Sparta maintains her disguise as a boy to join her unsuspecting brothers as part of the crew of the Argo, the ship commanded by Prince Jason in his quest for the Golden Fleece. Helen's determination to choose her own future will resonate with modern teens, who will also appreciate her resourcefulness and determination to help those who help her. A solid choice for fans of Rick Riordan's *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* books.

The Odyssey

(*Gillian Cross; illustrated by Neil Packer*) A bold re-envisioning of *The Odyssey*, told with simplicity and style — perfect for fans of graphic retellings and mythology enthusiasts alike. Odysseus faces storm and shipwreck, a terrifying man-eating Cyclops, the alluring but deadly Sirens, and the fury of the sea-god Poseidon as he makes his ten-year journey home from the Trojan War. While Odysseus struggles to make it home, his wife, Penelope, fights a different kind of battle as her palace is invaded by forceful, greedy men who tell her that Odysseus is dead and she must choose a new husband.

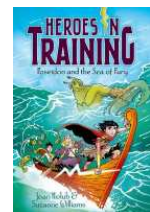


The Orphan: A Cinderella Story from Greece

(*Anthony L. Manna*) In this variation on the Cinderella story set in Greece, a girl mistreated by her stepmother and stepsisters manages to captivate the prince, with help from Mother Nature and her children.

Poseidon and the Sea of Fury

(*Joan Holuband, Suzzane Williams*) Zeus, Hera, and Poseidon continue on their mysterious quest, but when they must find a magical trident that can calm the angry sea, Poseidon reveals that he is terrified of the water. Part of the “Heroes in Training” series.



DVD

The following is a selected list of recent videos with a Greek or Irish flavor.



Albert Nobbs

Based on the book by George Moore set in a posh hotel in nineteenth-century Dublin, *Albert Nobbs* is the story of an unassuming waiter hiding a shocking secret. Forced one night to share his bed with an out-of-town laborer, Albert Nobbs' carefully constructed facade nearly implodes when the stranger discovers his true identity-that he's actually a woman. Rated R.

Five Minutes in Heaven

In 1975, 17-year-old Irish-Protestant Alistair Little assassinated the 19-year-old Catholic, Jim Griffin in his Ulster home. The murder was witnessed by Joe, Griffin's 11-year-old brother. Thirty years later, Alistair has been rehabilitated and released from prison, while Joe remains traumatized and bitter. When a television talk show decides to bring them together for a live on-air reconciliation, the two must come face-to-face with their own worlds of pain, violence and vengeance. Not rated.

The Guard

An unorthodox Irish policeman with a confrontational personality is teamed up with an uptight FBI agent to investigate an international drug-smuggling ring. Rated R.

My Life in Ruins

In this light romantic comedy starring actor and writer Nia Vardalos ("My Big Fat Greek Wedding"), a Greek-American tour guide falls for her Greek bus driver. Rated PG-13.

Captains and the Kings: An American Dynasty

Joseph Armagh is a poor Irish immigrant who is determined to create a better life for his family. He arrives in America in the mid-19th century. Through personal struggle, heartache and perseverance, he becomes one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in the country. TV miniseries based on the novel by Taylor Caldwell.



The Greeks: Crucible of Civilization

Recounts the rise, glory, demise and legacy of the Greek empire, the astonishing civilization which marked the dawn of Western culture.

Mamma Mia!

By reading her mother's diary, Twenty-year-old Sophie discovers that she has three possible fathers, so she secretly invites all three men to her Greek island wedding in a desperate bid to discover which of them is her father. But not all goes according to plan. Now, old loves are rekindled, new loves are formed, and Sophie risks everything to discover the true identity of her father. Rated PG-13.

My Big Fat Greek Wedding

Toula is a quiet, devoted daughter in a big, crazy Greek family. Working in her father's restaurant, she hides behind her family and keeps the world at a distance. One day at the restaurant she finds herself pouring coffee for a man who inspires her to change her life and the way she sees the world forever. Rated PG.



Out of Ireland: The Story of Irish Emigration to America

Examines the history of the seven million Irish who immigrated to America in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries including the causes of the exodus and the immigrant experience in the United States.

WEBSITES

The following are a few websites on Greek and Irish genealogy and culture.

D'Addezio

www.daddezio.com/grekgen.html

Greek genealogy Home Page containing valuable links to articles, research, vital records and many more references to guide Greek Americans in genealogical quests.

Embassy of the Hellenic Republic

www.mfa.gr/usa/en/

The Greek Embassy's website includes information on Greek-American relations and the Greek Diaspora.

Embassy of Ireland

www.embassyofireland.org/

The Irish Embassy's website includes information about Ireland and Irish Government support for Irish communities abroad including tracing one's Irish roots.

Fianna Guide to Irish Genealogy

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fianna/

Guides, counties, church records, surname guides, etc, for Irish genealogical research.

National Archives and Records Administration

www.archives.gov/research/arc/topics/calendar/

Use this website to search for original documents, photographs, and other records related to heritage months, holidays, and awareness days in the online Archival Research Catalog (ARC) at the US National Archives and Records Administration.

ONLINE DATABASES

Databases are subscription resources that contain reliable, timely, and authoritative online sources of information. Links to these are found on the Library's Webpage at www.npl.lib.va.us under *Databases*. Use your Norfolk Public Library card number for access to the following resources at home or in the library.

Ancestry Library Edition

More than 1.5 billion names in over 4,000 databases, this genealogical resource includes records from a wide variety of sources. [Only available in the library.]



Biography In Context

Includes full-text articles from hundreds of periodicals. A gender-searchable resource based on one or more personal facts such as birth and death year, nationality, ethnicity, occupation or combine criteria to create a highly-targeted custom search.



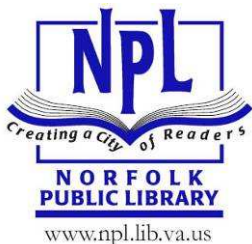
Encyclopedia of World Biography

Approximately 7,000 biographies on notables from every part of the world and from all time periods. Includes thousands of photos, a consolidated index, and more.



World Book Online Reference Center

Containing every article from the 22-volume print set plus thousands more. This database has state-of-the-art multimedia, maps, editor-reviewed Web sites, and more.



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