



# THE WICKED WIT OF IRELAND

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The Irish are renowned for their wit and humour. They carry it with them to all corners of the world. Modern comedians and comic writers such as Dylan Moran, Sharon Horgan, Tommy Tiernan, Alison Spittle, Graham Linehan and Ed Byrne, present and deliver their own distinctive Irish humour celebrating (or mocking) their origins all while acknowledging the traditional 'paddywackery'.

The roots of Irish humour are complex starting with the black humour and sarcasm used by Classic Irish writers through the satire of Jonathan Swift, George Bernard Shaw and Oscar Wilde to the hilarity of J.P. Donleavy and the sublime nonsense of Flann O'Brien and Spike Milligan.

This is a collection which combines a pinch of traditional Irish humour, from shamrocks to limericks, and blarney stones to drinking stories, mixed with distinctly modern one-liners, quips and quotes from today's writers along with sections on the Irish mammy, literary feuds, putdowns and epitaphs.

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