

The Irish Literary Revival.

Out-of-print books, returned to the world.

The Irish Literary Revival was launched today (*May 1st 2006*) at www.irishliteraryrevival.com/ with our first authors already up: **Sarah Berkeley, Philip Casey, Patrick Chapman, Noel Duffy** and **William Wall**.

Several more authors are currently preparing their manuscripts for inclusion, and we've had positive feedback from a good few publishers.

Announcing the **Irish Literary Revival**, a revolutionary new way for readers to rediscover books of Irish interest that are out of print. We accept books written in English and Irish.

Who's behind it.

Founders **Philip Casey** and **Patrick Chapman** saw a need for a place where readers could find books no longer available elsewhere, and where writers could get a new audience for their texts, while generating interest in their work as a whole. www.irishliteraryrevival.com is that place. A non-profit virtual library that will build into an extensive free resource for the public in general, and also for scholars, translators, and potential publishers.

Why it's needed.

It's a simple idea based on a simple need. Traditional bookshops, with a few honourable exceptions, now offer a very short shelf life for most books. The internet has become a legitimate way to present work and give it more longevity than it might otherwise expect to have. The **Irish Literary Revival** is a pioneering part of this new world.

We hope you will have a look around, that will you enjoy your stay and will spread the word.

If you have an eligible book that you would like to see up on the site, take a look at our submission guidelines, and get in touch.

Best regards,

Philip Casey and **Patrick Chapman**, Librarians

The **Irish Literary Revival** is where out-of-print and out-of-circulation Irish books are brought back into the world. Although our name is a pun, our intentions are serious.

Many authors have books that are long out of print, or are not stocked in bookshops, with little or no hope of new editions in the near or distant future. Our aim is to bring those books back. So we host them here. We accept books written in English or Irish.

First Steps

First, read the Submission Requirements. We present books that are out of print; previously published (either by an Irish publisher or written by an Irish writer and published elsewhere); and available for inclusion here under a **Creative Commons licence**.

Flexibility

NB Posting your work here does not affect your rights to re-publish a work, whether on demand or in a new edition. In some cases, there are a limited number of hard copies available, either from the author or from the publisher's backlist, but not generally for sale to the public, ie they are not on the bookshop shelves. The electronic copy is made available here under a **Creative Commons licence**; purchase of a hard copy is the business of the reader, the author and/or publisher.

Publishers

The **Irish Literary Revival** acknowledges the original publishers of every book hosted here, and that without the co-operation and encouragement of publishers the project would be greatly stymied.

As we are concerned only with books that are out of print or otherwise unavailable, we expect that the work hosted here will encourage readers to buy and read the authors' other books. We also very much hope that by hosting a book here, the exposure will go some way to reducing stocks of out-of-circulation books.

Writers

When was the last time you received a cheque for your out-of-print, or out-of-circulation book?

Better, don't you think, to have it out there and read - perhaps by students, academics, and translators, not to mention potential buyers who like to have a hard copy after browsing a chapter or verse?

Readers

For readers, the **Irish Literary Revival** represents an opportunity to discover work they might never have encountered otherwise. For students, the book you need for your essay or thesis might well be here. For no cost.

You can still contact the author or publisher through this site if you'd like to purchase a hard copy.

As far as **Irish Literary Revival** is concerned, there's no money involved – just writers, readers and the word.

Most if not all of the writers here are still actively publishing. We hope the new format will help authors to publicize new work and activities.

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Welcome and Fáilte to the Irish Literary Revival. We hope you enjoy your visit.

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