

**Jonathan Swift (1667-1745)** was a satirist, essayist, pamphleteer and poet. He became famous for his political essays and pamphlets. Swift was also a churchman and in 1713 was appointed as Dean of Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin. His best-known works are:

- **Gulliver's travels**
- A Tale of a Tub
- A Modest Proposal

Jonathan Swift's essay „A Modest Proposal” is a vicious satire on the oppression and exploitation of the Irish by the British at that time.

**Abraham "Bram" Stoker (1847 – 1912)** was an Irish novelist, best known today for his world-famous vampire Count Dracula written in 1897. Among his famous novels are;

- Dracula (1887)
- The Mystery of the Sea
- The Jewel of Seven Stars

**Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)** was a poet, writer and playwright. He is best remembered for:

- **The Picture of Dorian Gray**
- The Importance of Being Earnest
- The Ballad of Reading Gaol (poem)

**George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)** was a playwright and critic. Shaw is considered a leading dramatist of his generation, **In 1925 he was awarded the Nobel Prize** in Literature. He wrote more than sixty plays, including major works such as:

- Man and Superman
- **Pygmalion**
- Saint Joan

**William Butler Yeats (1865-1939)** was a poet and playwright. He was the first Irishman who **won the Nobel Prize in 1923**. Yeats was also one of the co-founders of the Irish theatre – founded in the Abbey Theatre. Among his notable works are:

- The Wild Swans at Coole
- The Tower
- The Winding Stair
- Easter 1916

Easter 1916 commemorates the rebels of The Easter Rising.

**James Joyce (1882-1941)** was a novelist and poet. Joyce is best known for:

- **Ulysses**
- A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man
- Finnegans Wake

**Samuel Beckett (1906-1989)** was an avant-garde novelist, playwright, theatre director, poet, and literary translator who lived in Paris for most of his adult life. He wrote in both English and French. His style is associated with the Theatre of the Absurd movement. **In 1969 he was awarded the Nobel Prize** in Literature. He is most famous for:

- **Waiting for Godot** – originally written in French, later translated into English by Beckett himself
- Murphy
- Molloy

**Seamus Justin Heaney (1939-2013)** was an Irish poet, playwright and translator. He **received the 1995 Nobel Prize** in Literature. In his poetry he writes about Irish rural life, Irish myths and events in Irish history. His major works include:

- The Haw Lantern
- The Government of the Tongue
- The Cure at Troy