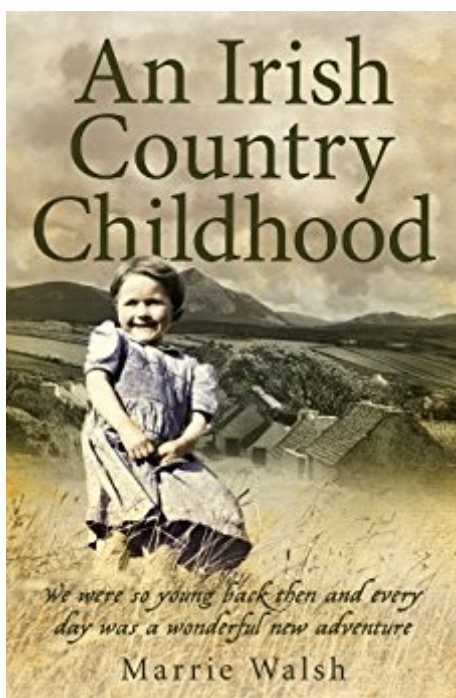


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An Irish Country Childhood: A Bygone Age Remembered



Synopsis

This is the heart-warming story of Marrie Walsh, growing up in the 1930s and 40s as part of an idyllic community in the beautiful County Mayo, West Ireland. Her memoirs take the reader to a time and a way of life now long disappeared, exploring lives that were intricately bound with the natural world in a small, close-knit farming community that was as resourceful as it was poor. Poor in worldly wealth and tied to the land but rich in love, kindness and good spirit, the people brought to life in this book are an inspiring reminder of a way of life lost in the past.

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Customer Reviews

I enjoyed every moment of this delightful and poignant memoir. I'm of Irish descent and have visited Ireland a few times, which I consider my spiritual homeland. I love reading about the Ireland of yesteryear, and this book is filled with true-to-life, touching, funny, and fascinating portraits of various characters and events from the author's youth in a village in County Mayo. In these stories, ghosts, fairies, and banshees are as much a part of daily life as tramps, gypsies, and storytellers. The freedom and joys of a simple childhood lived in a beautiful, unspoiled place will resonate with every reader.

Cute little stories of Irish lore for anyone who loves the Irish. No real plot but fun to read about growing up in a small village and the kind of daily things you might encounter.

A gentle but not overly-sentimental memoir of the author's rural Irish girlhood. An entertaining, informative glimpse into "the way things were", complete with a range of colorful local figures, farm life, food, and religious and secular practices. Humor abounds, and the narrative is spiced with authentic Celtic lore, including ghost encounters and real life tales of banshees and the Fairy Folk.

Such a pleasant read! Prior to reading this lovely memoir, I read some "heavier" books. I knew that I needed a break from written emotional turmoil--this was the book. It truly was interesting and, a delight.

My grandmother emigrated to the US from this part of Ireland in the 1890s, so I really enjoyed this engaging glimpse into rural life, the harvest cycles, religious beliefs and superstitions, interesting local characters, including cows. The author recounts her childhood with great joy. Somehow she makes it all sound like fun - churning butter, milking cows, stacking peat, hoisting buckets of water, planting potatoes... So glad she captured this. If you have Irish roots, it's a great read.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I felt I was a part of the village and immersed in the culture of the time.

Great story about life in Ireland and the various aspects of life in a different country and culture than what we have experienced in America. Good book, very captivating. solid hit

The book was not what I thought it would. Couldn't get involved in the story

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