

Irish Quotes

No woman should ever be quite accurate about her age. It looks so calculating. *Oscar Wilde*

The old believe everything, the middle-aged suspect everything, the young know everything. *Oscar Wilde*

Peter O' Toole was once asked what was his favorite Irish food: "My number one choice is Guinness. My number two choice would be Guinness. My number three choice would have to be Guinness." *Peter O' Toole.*

"A Kerry footballer with an inferiority complex is one who thinks he's just as good as everybody else." - *Author John B. Keane*

The rain drove us into the church - our refuge, our strength, our only dry place...Limerick gained a reputation for piety, but we knew it was only the rain. *Frank McCourt*

"Making peace, I have found, is much harder than making war." - *Gerry Adams*

"The immigrant's heart marches to the beat of two quite different drums, one from the old homeland and the other from the new. The immigrant has to bridge these two worlds, living comfortably in the new and bringing the best of his or her ancient identity and heritage to bear on life in an adopted homeland." - *Irish President McAleese*

I think there's a bit of the devil in everybody. There's a bit of a priest in everybody, too, but I enjoyed playing the devil more. He was more fun. *Gabriel Byrne*

"I spent 90% of my money on women and drink. The rest I wasted." - *Soccer star George Best*

"It is absurd to divide people into good and bad. People are either charming or tedious." *Oscar Wilde*

"We have always found the Irish a bit odd. They refuse to be English." - *Winston Churchill*

True friends stab you in the front. *Oscar Wilde*

"You know, I have a theory about Charlie Haughey. If you give him enough rope, he'll hang you." - *BBC Ireland reporter Leo Enright.*

"He is the best, the most skillful, the most devious and the most cunning."
- *Charles Haughey's description of his successor as Prime Minister, Bertie Ahern.*

If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance. *George Bernard Shaw*

"The sword of famine is less sparing than the bayonet of the soldier." - *Thomas F. Meagher*

"All the world's a stage and most of us are desperately unrehearsed." - *Sean O'Casey*

The government which robs Peter to pay Paul, can always depend on the support of Paul. *George Bernard Shaw.*

"If you could drink dreams like the Irish streams,
Then the world would be high as the mountain of mourne
In the Pool they told us the story
How the English divided the land..."
- *John Lennon, "The Luck of the Irish" (song)*

My Father had a profound influence on me, he was a lunatic. *Spike Milligan*

"I am a drinker with a writing problem." - *Brendan Behan*

"I only drink on two occasions - When I am thirsty and when I'm not thirsty."
- *Brendan Behan*

I live again the days and evenings of my long career. I dream at night of operas and concerts in which I have had my share of success. Now like the old Irish minstrel, I have hung up my harp because my songs are all sung.
John McCormack

It was so windy that one of our chickens laid the same egg four times.
an Irish mother's letter

Dublin University contains the cream of Ireland - rich and thick.
Samuel Beckett

I think Paul McGuinness and U2 created the Irish music industry. It certainly wasn't there before that. *Van Morrison*

My grandmother made dying her life's work. *Hugh Leonard*

I wrote a script. I actually enjoyed writing it more than acting. It's about the Irish rebellion of 1920, which is a fascinating period and place for me.
Tom Berenger

A garda recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He said, "Call for reinforcements."

I'm an Irish Catholic and I have a long iceberg of guilt. *Edna O'Brien*

He knows nothing; and he thinks he knows everything. That points clearly to a political career. *George Bernard Shaw*

If this humor be the safety of our race, then it is due largely to the infusion into the American people of the Irish brain. *William Howard Taft*

Overheard from a nun in Co. Kilkenny, when describing a woman in high heels: "She was like a cat on a scissors."

Other people have a nationality. The Irish and the Jews have a psychosis. *Brendan Behan*

Marriage is the triumph of imagination over intelligence. Second marriage is the triumph of hope over experience. *Oscar Wilde*

Our Irish blunders are never blunders of the heart. *Maria Edgeworth*

But there are advantages to being elected President. The day after I was elected, I had my high school grades classified Top Secret. *President Reagan*

The basic policy of the British Government was that since the majority of people in Northern Ireland wished to remain in the United Kingdom, that was that. We asked what would happen if the majority wanted something else, if the majority wanted to see Irish unity. *John Hume*

All women become like their mothers. That is their tragedy. No man does. That is his! *Oscar Wilde*

The Irish are the only men who know how to cry for the dirty polluted blood of all the world. *Norman Mailer*

"Burn everything British," he once advised his Irish countrymen, "except their coal." *Jonathan Swift*

I saw a notice that said "Drink Canada Dry" and I've just started. *Brendan Behan*

The Irish gave the bagpipes to the Scotts as a joke, but the Scotts haven't seen the joke yet. *Oliver Herford*

"The proper basis for marriage is mutual misunderstanding." *Oscar Wilde*,

There is no language like the Irish for soothing and quieting.
Bobby Sands

I never put off till tomorrow what I can do the day after. *Oscar Wilde*

When others stood idly by, you and your families gave your all, in defence of a risen people and in pursuit of Irish freedom and unity. *Gerry Adams*

"Anybody can make history; only a great man can write it." *Oscar Wilde*

First love is only a little foolishness and a lot of curiosity. *George Bernard Shaw*

Bigamy is having one wife/husband too many. Monogamy is the same.
Oscar Wilde

For the great Gaels of Ireland
Are the men that God made mad,
For all their wars are merry
And all their songs are sad. *G. K. Chesterton*

If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free.
P.J. O'Rourke

Democracy means simply the bludgeoning of the people, by the people, for the people.
Oscar Wilde

Isn't it a very curious thing that St. Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland an' the English brought in the fleas. *From Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt*

I formed a new group called Alcoholics-Unanimous. If you don't feel like a drink, you ring another member and he comes over to persuade you.
Richard Harris

First law on holes - when you're in one, stop digging. *Denis Healey*

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I was court-martialled in my absence and sentenced to death in my absence, so I said

they could shoot me in my absence. *Brendan Behan*

Always forgive your enemies. Nothing annoys them so much. *Oscar Wilde*

The problem with some people is that when they aren't drunk, they're sober.
William Butler Yeats

If all economists were laid end to end, they would not reach a conclusion.
George Bernard Shaw

Christopher Columbus, as everyone knows, is honoured by posterity because he was the last to discover America. *James Joyce*

I'm only a beer teetotaller, not a champagne teetotaller. *George Bernard Shaw*

When any one of our relations was found to be a person of a very bad character, a troublesome guest, or one we desired to get rid of, upon his leaving my house I ever took care to lend him a riding-coat, or a pair of boots, or sometimes a horse of small value, and I always had the satisfaction of finding he never came back to return them.
Oliver Goldsmith

Let schoolmasters puzzle their brain,
With grammar, and nonsense, and learning.
Good liquor, I stoutly maintain,
Gives genius a better discerning. *Oliver Goldsmith*

That's the Irish people all over - they treat a joke as a serious thing, and a serious thing as a joke. *Sean O'Casey*

You know your children are growing up when they stop asking you where they came from and refuse to tell you where they're going. *P. J. O'Rourke*

The curse of the Irish is not that they don't know the words to a song - its that they know them all. *Susan Dooley, Washington Post.*

After a good dinner one can forgive anybody, even one's own relations.
Oscar Wilde

It was a bold man who first swallowed an oyster. *Jonathan Swift*

I think the Irish woman was freed from slavery by bingo They can go out now, dressed up, with their handbags and have a drink and play bingo. And they deserve it."
John B. Keane

Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go."

Oscar Wilde

The Irish are a fair people; they never speak well of one another.

Samuel Johnson

A newspaper in Ireland published the headline:

Half the council are crooks, but was asked to retract it. The following week it ran the heading: Half the council are NOT crooks.