

# *Ireland related Fictions*

## *of the Romantic Period*

The first novels to be described as recognisably 'Irish' began to appear in Dublin and London in the late 1790s. During the Romantic Period they had reached significant numbers and helped lay the foundations for the cultural nationalism which was to sweep all before it in the later years of the 19th Century.

Rather than apply strict notions of authorial birth or residency, our 339 ebooks classify as 'Irish' those novels which take Ireland as their theme, or which prominently feature Irish politics, landscape, dialect or characters. Reading these ebooks makes it possible to see the various ways in which Ireland was produced for and by fiction in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. The range of genres and styles will surprise many readers, encompassing as it does national tales, historical romances, Gothic fiction, military adventures, and tales of fashionable life.

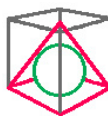
Apart from the names of a small number of novels and authors, little is known about the wealth of Irish novels published in the Romantic Period. In spite of this, interest in and criticism of Irish novels has proceeded apace. Recent critical statements about Irish fiction, however, cannot be adequately measured or tested without access to a collection of fiction such as our 339 ebooks, many of which are rare and were hitherto accessible only by visiting several specialist libraries.

Taken together, the novels featured here will produce a more expansive context in which to read established authors such as Maria Edgeworth, will introduce readers to lesser known cultural figures and genres, and will change our understanding of what 'Irish' meant in the all-important years between the passing of the Act of Union and the granting of Catholic Emancipation.

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