

“THE WORLD IS FULL OF MAGIC THINGS, PATIENTLY
WAITING FOR OUR SENSES TO GROW SHARPER.”

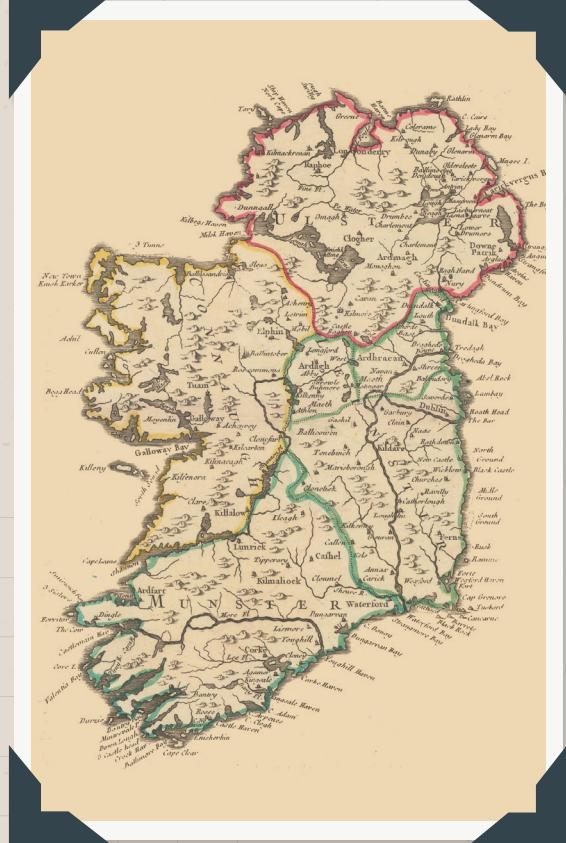
- WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS -



ANCIENT TALES

of Cocktails

MAKLOWD DIAS



**“HEAR NO EVIL, SPEAK NO EVIL AND YOU
WON’T BE INVITED TO COCKTAIL PARTIES.”**

- OSCAR WILDE -

Ireland is an old country... a very old country. It is a place simply brimming with myths and legends. Famous for its oral stories, Ireland has so many stories that have been passed down through each generation, with various versions of each.

These stories are often linked to landscapes - either a specific spot like the Giant's Causeway, or else many places like Diarmuid and Grainne and their various caves.

From giants to selkies, from tragic lovers to witches, from magical bulls to humans turned to swans.

Inside this book you will find a collection of bespoke cocktails inspired by the legendary stories that paved Irish folklore.

SIP - SAVOUR - SLÁINTE

ALL COCKTAILS LISTED - €13.50

The Hag of Beara

The Winter Witch. No, we're not talking about the winter witch of Narnia - though C.S. Lewis has admitted that he was inspired by Ireland when writing *The Chronicles of Narnia*.

But the Hag of Beara is an under-appreciated character of Irish folklore. She is supposedly the goddess of winter or the witch of the winter, and it is her who is in charge of turning the clock from summer to winter. Legend says that you have to head outside on February 1st (St Brigid's Day, the first day of spring on the Gaelic calendar). If the weather is poor, it means that the Hag of Beara is asleep and winter will soon end.

However, if the day is bright, she's awake and collecting firewood to make winter last longer. February 1st is the one day a year that people hope the weather will stay poor...



THE WINTER WITCH

Gin, Amaretto, Passion Fruit Syrup,
Orange Juice, Grenadine (8)



PILLOW TALK

Captain Morgan, Lime Juice, Sugar Syrup,
Chocolate Bitters, Prosecco

Warrior Queen Maeve

The daughter of the High King of Ireland, Queen Maeve is renowned as a warrior queen of great strength, resilience, and ruthlessness. With a name said to mean "intoxicating," she wielded enormous power and sway during her reign.

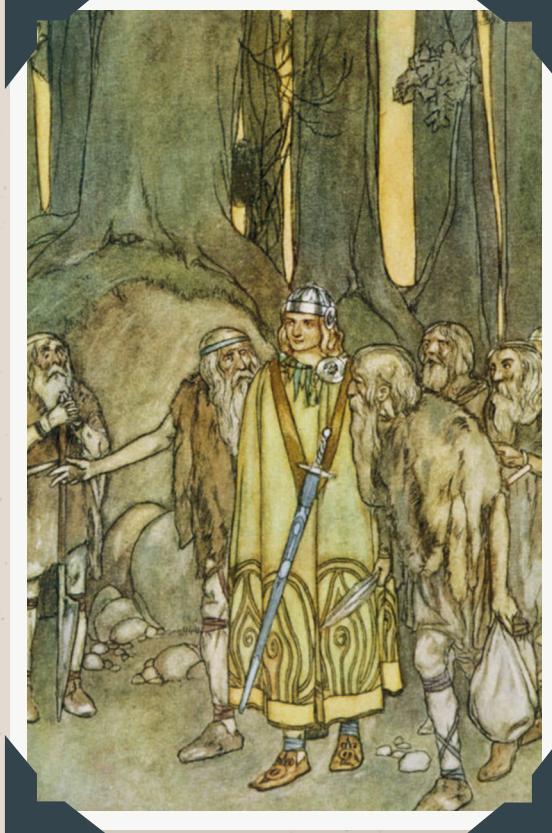
Known for her "pillow talk" with her husband Aillil, they argued about who held the most wealth. After listing out everything they each owned, it seemed they were equal except for a single large bull which Aillil possessed. Competitive to the core, Maeve was determined not to be beaten, leading to the infamous Cattle Raid of Cooley.

Finn McCool
The Giant of the Giant's Causeway

Once upon a time, there was a magical emerald land called Ireland. In the northern stretches of this land, there lived an Irish giant called Fionn McCool (or in Irish, Fionn Mac Cumhaill).

Fionn McCool is one of Ireland's most prominent mythological characters, and yes he is who's credited with building the Giant's Causeway. It was built as a result of a proposed fistfight with a Scottish giant that never actually happened because Fionn and his wife tricked him instead. It ended with Fionn's wife cleverly disguising her husband as a baby.

Supposedly, his Scottish rival ran away in terror at what surely must be a massive giant if his baby was that big, tearing up the causeway behind him.



GIANTS PENICILLIN

Bushmills, Lemon Juice, Sugar Syrup,
Egg White, Port Wine Float (2)



LIR

Baileys, Captain Morgan, Banana, Cream,
Coconut Puree, Pineapple Juice (6)

The Children of Lir

The mighty Lir was once a great king of Ireland. With his first wife, he had four lovely children. But after her untimely death, King Lir remarried a new queen, and like any proper fairytale, the stepmother did not have her new children's best interests at heart. And unfortunately for them, his new wife grew increasingly jealous of Lir's attention to his children, and that she dabbled in magic.

Essentially, the myth of the Children of Lir is the story of the jealous stepmother. The evil queen took her revenge upon the four children for taking up so much of King Lir's time and love by turning them into four white swans.

As swans, the evil queen cursed the four children of Lir to wander Ireland as swans for 900 years.

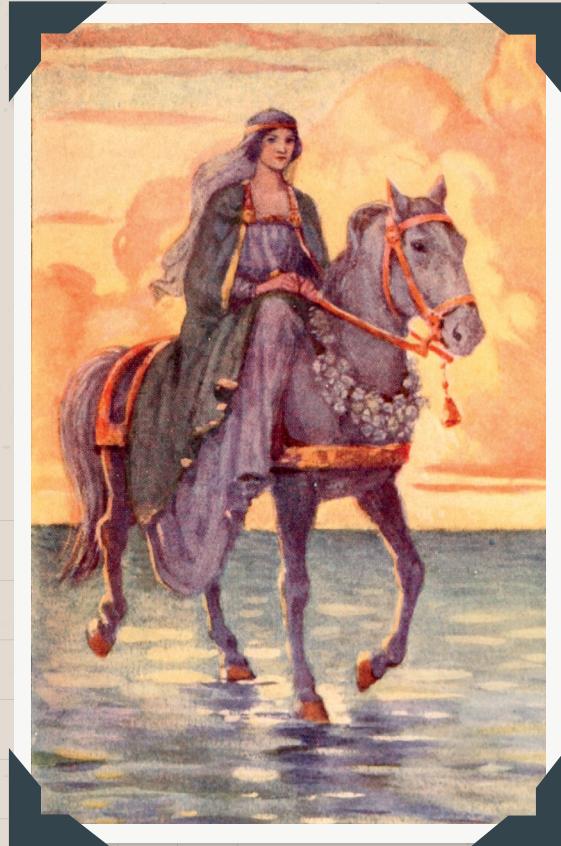
Granuaile, Ireland's Pirate Queen

In the 1600s, a fierce and formidable Pirate Queen known as Grace O'Malley ruled the west coast of Ireland. For 30 years, Grace ruled over Clew Bay and Galway Bay, demanding tribute from passing ships. She built castles and forts, robbed the passing ships, and collected enemies along Ireland's rugged western shores - and even lied to the Queen face to face.



THE ORIGINAL O'MALLEY

Bacardi, Peachtree, Southern Comfort,
Orange Juice, Orange Bitters



DE DANAAN

Smirnoff, Amaretto, Peachtree,
Cranberry Juice, Lime & Lemon Juice

Niamh Cinn Oir

Niamh is a formidable and daring figure. She is probably the most renowned female character from *Tír na nÓg*, a magical island off the west coast of Ireland. Hailing from the mythological Tuatha De Danaan tribe, this group was revered as divine, ethereal beings inhabiting a realm beyond our own.

The Tuatha De Danaan hold a central role as the chief deities in pre-Christian Ireland. Niamh's presence symbolizes the divine feminine, reflecting the ancient Celtic belief in the sanctity of both genders as sacred and divine entities.

St Brigid, saint or pagan princess?

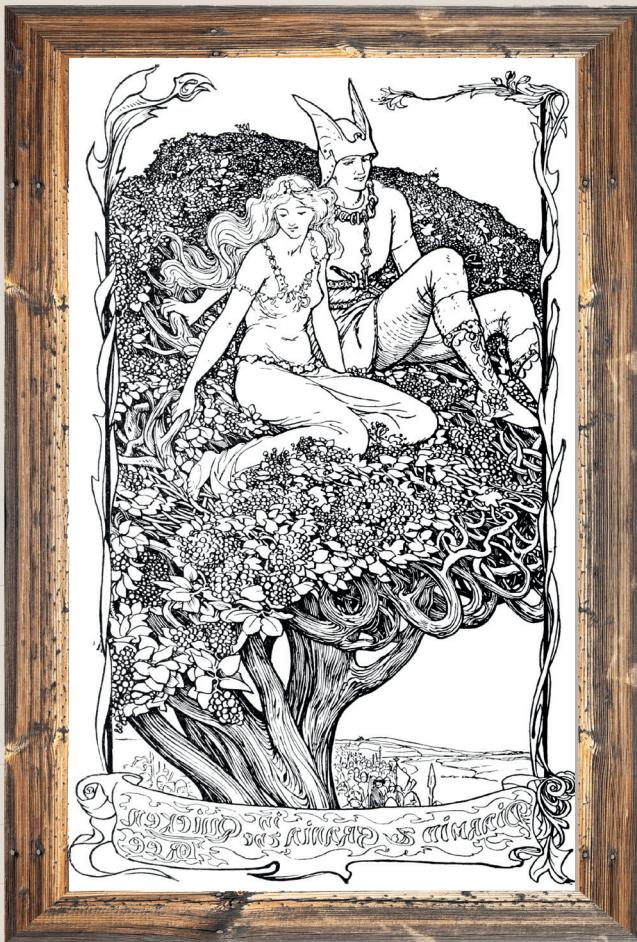
Most of the "history" of St Brigid of Kildare has been based more on myth and legend than actual historical records. In fact, there is some debate exists over whether she was even a real person. Brigid (or Brigit, as it is sometimes spelled) is also the name of a Celtic goddess from pre-Christian early medieval Ireland. She is an established member of Irish mythology as part of the ancient mythical race of fairies, the Tuatha De Danann.

Sharing a feast day - February 1st, Ireland's newest bank holiday - similar attributes, the same name and falling at a similar time in history, it's impossible not to connect these two impressive female figures - and many historians and folklorists have done so over the years. So who was she - a saint or a goddess?



OF SAINTS & GODDESSES

Smirnoff Vodka, Grand Mariner, Blue Curaçao, Passion Fruit Syrup, Lemon, Orange Juice



INDEFINITELY

Brandy, White Rum, Pineapple Juice,
Orange Juice, Grenadine Syrup, Peach Puree

Diarmuid & Grainne: Ireland's Tragic Lovers

Tales of tragic lovers exist in many cultures – most famously, Shakespeare's doomed lovers, Romeo and Juliet. Ireland has its own pair of tragic and doomed loved, Diarmuid and Grainne.

The story goes that Diarmuid stole his chieftain Fionn McCool's intended bride, Grainne, after the couple fell in love. Their love was so strong that Diarmuid and Grainne decided to escape together and went on the run indefinitely.

Legend has it that Diarmuid and Grainne never slept in the same place twice and across Ireland, there are dozens – perhaps hundreds – of "Diarmuid and Grainne beds" – caves, nooks, rocks, dolmans, Neolithic tombs, boulders, glacial erratics, and other standout geological formations where the couple supposedly spent a night while on the run. Until their luck ran out, and they were caught.

The Selkie: Seal People of Ireland

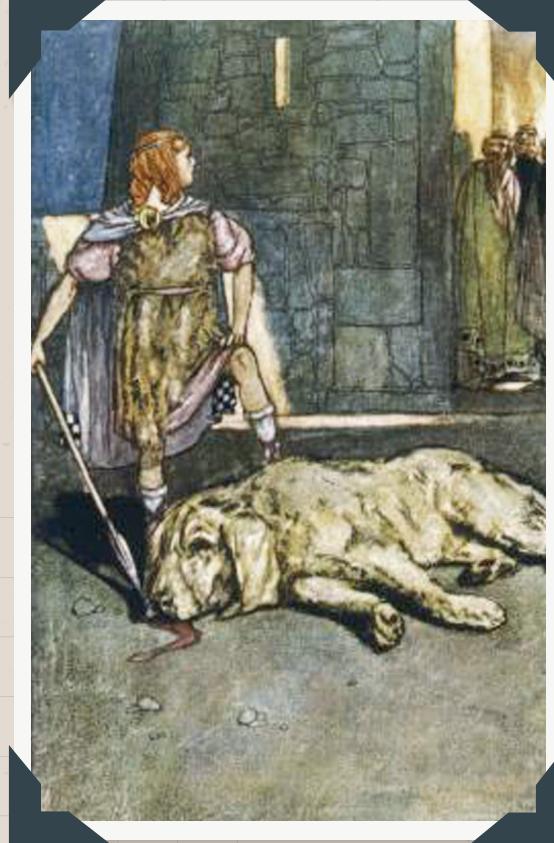
The selkie - also called the seal people, or the mermaid - is a marine legend that tells of people who are half-fish, and half-human. In the water, they are seals, but on land, they can shed their skin and take on human form.

They inhabit the shores of Ireland and Scotland. And for some reason, they are irresistible to ordinary humans, who are apt to fall in love with the seal people.



THE SELKIE

Tequila, Triple Sec, Elderflower, Lime, Pineapple Juice (1)



SETANTA

Writers Tears Whisky, Shanks's Whip, Angostura Bitters,
Brown Sugar, Cinnamon, Orange Zest

Cuchulain, Hound of Ulster

Meet the great hero Cuchulain, born as the boy Setanta and later known as the Hound of Ulster, who became one of Ireland's most legendary and fearsome warriors.

The colourful life and times of the mighty Cú Chulainn (pronounced 'Coo Hull-in') have long been relayed throughout many tales, and sites across Ireland are associated with the epic hero.

Allergen Key: Crustaceans, (2) Eggs, (3) Fish, (4) Peanuts, (5) Soybeans, (6) Milk/Dairy, (7) Nuts, (8) Celery, (9) Mustard, (10) Sesame, (11) Sulphur Dioxide or Sulphites, (12) Lupin, (13) Molluscs