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Dave Maddock says

In hindsight, the entire book seemed like a build up to W.B. Yeats, who was by far my favorite. I am glad I read this in little chunks over a few months. I expect the repetitive subject matter would become grating in large doses. The recurring themes of communion with nature, resisting oppression, and longing for a lost homeland (both physical and political) permeate these poems. But, a page or two a day reads like a quiet walk on a dewy, spring morning. I expect to revisit this anthology from time to time to recapture that Irish ambiance I loved so much when I was there.

Michael says

This was a very enjoyable collection of Irish verse. It felt almost like listening to The Irish Rovers - all the same notes, the sorrow of migration, the cheeky street ballads, the songs of protest to English rule.

Antonio Delgado says

This is a modest introduction to Irish Poetry.

James says

Well, this was a charming little book, and a genuine treat to read; I was held in rapt fascination as I read delightful poems of young love and young couples who left beloved Erin for America, but ever-maintaining a fierce love and longing for their homeland.

This would have received five stars, if it had excluded a few of the selections whose benefit, frankly, is likened unto a five-ton antique elephant carven of ivory and gilt in gold-- It is kept because it is an antique, and valuable, but no one has sentimental attachment to it. I would never say that those pieces written in dialect are without value, but och! for my own personal uses, they were with only marginal benefit.
