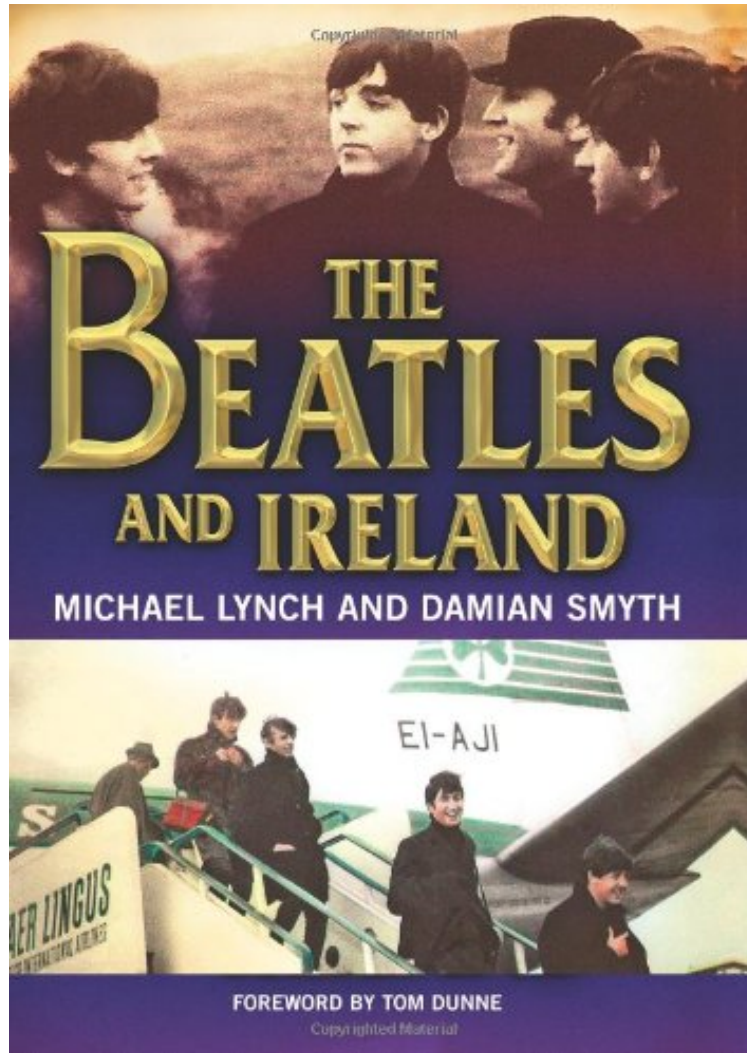


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Michael Lynch, Damian Smyth : The Beatles and Ireland before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Beatles and Ireland:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Beatles' Irish Roots By BeatleBangs1964 The Beatles aren't just English, they are also Irish! John Lennon embraced his Irish heritage by naming his second son Sean which is the Gaelic version of "John." John Lennon's Irish roots were patrilineal (his paternal grandfather was Irish) and Paul McCartney had Irish ancestry on both sides of his family tree. George's Irish roots were matrilineal as his maternal grandfather John French Sr. was born in Corah, County Wexford, Ireland. French emigrated to England as a young man. In the case of Ringo Starr, it remains a question as to whether or not he had any Irish ancestry, although if he did it was very slight. George Harrison had the strongest ties to the Emerald Isle. Louise French Harrison's (1911-1970)

dad was Irish, thus providing George with a rich source of Irish ancestry. George had a very interesting family tree. Louise French Harrison's family were descendants of French knights who had settled into Ireland during the Middle Ages. Because of the influx of Franco-Irish settlers, the surname "French" (formerly spelled "Ffrench" until John French Sr.'s generation) was given the Franco-Irish. George, who did indeed resemble his maternal grandfather (Louise French Harrison would say in a 1965 interview in a fan club newsletter that she thought George looked like her dad) embraced his Irish heritage. People who knew the French and Harrison families personally have said that Louise French was very much a homebody who loved her family and delighted in visiting her relatives in Ireland. George's sister, Lou, has supported this claim and in *Before He Was Fab : George Harrison's First American Visit* and *George Harrison: Living in the Material World*, readers are treated to delightful picture taken in 1953 of George, 10, Harold Sr. 44, Harold Jr., 19, Lou, 22 and Peter, 13 on a ferry. (In other books their mother Louise, then 42 is included on the far right side.) The Harrisons made numerous trips to Ireland and George was as well rooted in the Emerald Isle as he was in the United Kingdom. In November of 1963 and October of 1964 the Beatles came to Ireland. In a 1963 interview in Dublin, George Harrison tells his delighted listeners that Louise Harrison flew up from England to see him in Ireland and to visit her many relatives. Readers will especially love the pictures of the Harrisons in Ireland when George was a young boy with his many cousins. In 1972, Paul McCartney wrote a wonderfully scathing political song entitled "Give Ireland Back to the Irish." On a related note, in 1971 John Lennon sang, "Sunday, Bloody Sunday" and "Luck of the Irish," two delightfully scathingly brilliant songs. You can find these on *Sometime in NYC* This is a book all Beatle fans will love.

From the day The Beatles arrived in Dublin at the height of Beatlemania in 1963 and Paul McCartney announced 'it's great to be home', the Fab Four never hid their love for Ireland. By the end of that decade John had bought an island off the Mayo coast, and in the 1970s John and Paul were writing songs about the troubled events in Northern Ireland. Yet there has never been a book about their Irish connections. This is not a music biography but simply details every Irish connection The Beatles have with Ireland, from their family trees to their concerts and the many visits they made across the Irish Sea. It is based on exclusive interviews, fifteen years of research and firsthand accounts by people that spent time with them. With Irish Beatle locations detailed, an Irish charts discography, accounts of the Irish fan club, and a detailed list of Beatles-related programs on Irish radio and TV, not to mention exclusive unpublished photographs, this is the legacy of The Beatles in Ireland. No quote. Book News Inc.

'Rich in period atmosphere' Sunday Tribune Music Book of the Fortnight in Hotpress magazine 'Excellent book' RTE Guide 'If you're a Beatles fan, especially an Irish Beatles fan, this book will be an absolute joy' Irish Independent About the Author Michael Lynch from Laois is a laser technician who has travelled the world to concerts and to meet stars such as David Bowie and Neil Tennant. Meeting Paul McCartney was his musical highlight. He writes for various websites when not working or following Manchester United. Damian Smyth from Yorkshire holds dual citizenship and lives in Dublin. He has worked with several Dublin bands as photographer and events promoter and featured on radio programmes including the Dave Fanning Show and the Ray Darcy Show. He has met many people connected with The Beatles, including Yoko Ono, the last being Paul McCartney the day before his wedding at Castle Leslie.