

Brian Friel

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[The Achievement of Brian Friel](#) - Alan J. Peacock 1993

This book addresses the variety and complexity of Ireland's leading living dramatist by bringing together a range of academic and other professional and creative approaches. The contributors, including Nobel laureate Seamus Heaney, invoke the intellectual richness, humanity, and protean skill and invention of Friel's work.

[Brian Friel](#) - George O'Brien 1990

Translations - Brian Friel 1981

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Brian Friel - Scott Boltwood 2018-02-01

This essential guide provides a deeply informed survey of the criticism of all the plays and major stories authored by Brian Friel. Scott Boltwood introduces readers to the key themes that have been used to characterise Friel's entire career, moving chronologically from his early work as a successful short story writer to the present day. This is an essential text for dedicated modules or courses on Modern or Contemporary British and Irish drama offered as part of English literature degrees, or for the literature and culture modules of undergraduate and postgraduate Irish studies degrees. In addition, this book is an ideal companion for A-level students reading Friel's plays, or anyone with an interest in this complex writer's career.

Brian Friel - William Kerwin 1997

First published in 1997

Brian Friel: Plays 3 - Brian Friel 2014-02-04

This third collection by Brian Friel contains two original works: Performances, which considers the relationship between the private life and public work of the composer Leos Janáček; and The Home Place, set in Ballybeg, Donegal, at the dawn of Home Rule. There are three masterful plays based on stories by Chekhov; and Friel's exquisite versions of Three Sisters and Uncle Vanya, of Ibsen's Hedda Gabler and of Turgenev's A Month in the Country. Performances 'A minor work the way Thomas Mann's Death in Venice or Beckett's

Endgame is a minor work. Deceptively brisk and light in tone but taut and gravely pregnant with meaning... for Friel, life creates its own symbolism and poetry, and so it does in this play.' Sunday Times The Home Place 'A rich, allusive, densely layered play, which has echoes of Friel's masterly Translations while reminding one that he has spent much of his recent life adapting and translating Chekhov... Friel hauntingly conveys the pathos of exile and the delusion of ownership.' Guardian Hedda Gabler 'Across the gulf of the 20th century one great playwright is talking to another... neither a simple translation nor, as the official title has it, or a 'new version', but something altogether larger.' The Irish Times

Brian Friel and Ireland's Drama - Richard Pine 1990-01-01

[Modernity, Community, and Place in Brian Friel's Drama](#) - Richard Rankin Russell 2014-01-06

Modernity, Community, and Place in Brian Friel's Drama shows how the leading Irish playwright explores a series of dynamic physical and intellectual environments, charting the impact of modernity on rural culture and on the imagined communities he strives to create between readers, and script, actors and audience.

Molly Sweeney - Brian Friel 1995-11

Three characters - all on stage throughout - speak directly to the audience, giving three points of view to the same story. Molly, blind since infancy, tells of her world before an operation to try to restore her sight. Her husband, itinerant champion of good causes, talks of his passion to help her. Her once famous eye surgeon, now a whisky-sodden recluse in Donegal, sees the operation as his chance to reclaim his reputation.

The Home Place - Brian Friel 2005

Lovers - Brian Friel 1968

"A collection of jokes, riddles, tongue twisters, tricks, games, poems, and stories." --

[Brian Friel](#) - Tony Corbett 2008

This book looks at the political and social aspects of Friel's drama, in the context of the development of

modern Ireland. The plays' preoccupations are located in the framework of their internal, historical and literary time, and against the backdrop of the evolving Irish state in which they were written. This second edition covers all of Friel's drama, and contains an additional chapter on the Russian plays. Friel's plays have consistently explored themes of nationality and community, language and communication, social ritual and 'otherness'. His characters are at once familiarly recognizable and startlingly original. The seeming smallness of their lives mirrors the great movements of Irish society and history; the personal and the political are shown to be inextricably linked. Friel's dramatic works (among them Philadelphia Here I Come! and Translations) are known all over the world. His multi-award-winning play Dancing at Lughnasa was released internationally as a motion picture in 1998.

Brian Friel: Collected Plays - Volume 1 - Brian Friel 2016-07-07

This first collection of Brian Friel's dramatic work contains: The Enemy Within (1962) Philadelphia, Here I Come! (1964) The Loves of Cass McGuire (1966) Lovers (Winners and Losers) (1967) Crystal and Fox (1968) The Gentle Island (1971)

Brian Friel: Collected Plays - Volume 2 - Brian Friel 2016

This marks the first of five volumes collecting together the complete work of Brian Friel: The Enemy Within (1962); Philadelphia, Here I Come! (1964); The Loves of Cass McGuire (1966); Lovers (Winners and Losers) (1967); Crystal and Fox (1968); and, The Gentle Island (1971).

The Freedom of the City - Brian Friel 1974

Set in Londonderry in 1970, this gripping drama by the acclaimed author of Faith Healer and Translations explores the ongoing Irish "troubles" that plague the country to this day.

Fathers and Sons - Brian Friel 1987

Drama / 9 m., 6 f. / Var. sets. In rural Russia in the mid nineteenth century, a brilliant, anarchic young medical student arrives at the provincial family villa of his best friend, Arkady, for the summer vacation. He wants to despise the family for their imperturbable complacency and bourgeois effiteness, but he is tormented by conflicting emotions. His desperate action has tragic consequences. "The evening leaves you pondering not just the play's political implications but the ageless tragedy

The Theatre of Brian Friel - Christopher Murray 2014-04-24

Brian Friel is Ireland's foremost living playwright, whose work spans fifty years and has won numerous awards, including three Tonys and a Lifetime Achievement Arts Award. Author of twenty-five plays, and whose work is studied at GCSE and A level (UK), and the Leaving Certificate (Ire), besides at undergraduate level, he is regarded as a classic in contemporary drama studies. Christopher Murray offers the definitive

guide to Friel's work; both a detailed study of individual plays and an exploration of Friel's dual commitment to tradition and modernity across his oeuvre. Beginning with Friel's 1964 work Philadelphia, Here I Come! it follows a broadly chronological route through the principle plays, including Aristocrats, Faith Healer, Translations, Dancing at Lughnasa, Molly Sweeney and The Home Place. Along the way it considers themes of exile, politics, fathers and sons, belief and ritual, history, memory, gender inequality, and loss, all set against the dialectic of tradition and modernity.

The Art of Brian Friel - E. Andrews 2016-07-27

This is a critical study of Friel's entire oeuvre, relating Friel's work to the problems of subjectivity, representation, history and the body, with a view to offering some placement of Friel in relation to both postmodernism and traditional humanism. Central to this study is Friel's concept of 'translation', whereby he offers us the tension of shaping the new through a 'translation' or reformulation of the old.

Three Plays After - Brian Friel 2002

Brian Friel explores the most Chekhovian of themes in his three new works inspired by the great Russian dramatist: the absurd realm which lies between perpetual hope and a penchant for self-destruction. Whether exploring the loneliness of an unhappy marriage (in "The Yalta Game," based on Chekhov's story "The Lady with the Lapdog"), or imagining the bittersweet meeting of Sonya (Uncle Vanya's niece) and Andrei (the brother of a certain three sisters) in a new work inspired by characters from two Chekhov plays, Friel shows his own masterful range.

Brian Friel, Ireland, and The North - Scott Boltwood 2009-10-29

After nearly five decades as one of Ireland's most celebrated playwrights, Brian Friel has been the subject of ten books and dozens of articles. This study expands Friel criticism into a sizeable body of material and into a fresher interpretative direction. Along with considering Friel's more recent plays, the book analyzes his interviews and essays to chart the author's ideological evolution throughout a career of more than forty years. Moreover, a chapter is devoted to his often ignored articles for The Irish Press (1962-1963), a series that reveals unsuspected insights into Friel's disposition towards the Irish Republic. Refining our understanding of Friel's relationship to Republicanism is central to the argument; rather than assuming that the author embraces nationalist ideology, the book relocates the conceptual concerns of his work away from Dublin and to 'The North', this bridge between Ireland and the British province of Northern Ireland.

Brian Friel - Ulf Dantanus 1985

Brian Friel - Mary Ellen Snodgrass 2017-02-22

Surveying the life, work and accolades of Irish playwright Brian Friel, this literary companion investigates his personal and professional relationships and his literary topics and themes, such as belonging, violence, patriarchy and hypocrisy. Character summaries describe his most significant figures, particularly St. Columba, the victims of Derry's Bloody Sunday, and Hugh O'Neill, the Lord of Tyrone. Entries analyze Friel's style in detail, from his column in the Irish Times and his short fiction in the New Yorker to his most recent plays, Philadelphia, Here I Come!, Translations, and Dancing at Lughnasa.

The Cambridge Companion to Brian Friel - Anthony Roche 2006-10-19

Brian Friel is widely recognized as Ireland's greatest living playwright, winning an international reputation through such acclaimed works as Translations (1980) and Dancing at Lughnasa (1990). This 2006 collection of specially commissioned essays includes contributions from leading commentators on Friel's work (including two fellow playwrights) and explores the entire range of his career from his 1964 breakthrough with Philadelphia, Here I Come! to his most recent success in Dublin and London with The Home Place (2005). The essays approach Friel's plays both as literary texts and as performed drama, and provide the perfect introduction for students of both English and Theatre Studies, as well as theatregoers. The collection considers Friel's lesser-known works alongside his more celebrated plays and provides a comprehensive critical survey of his career. This is a comprehensive study of Friel's work, and includes a chronology and further reading suggestions.

Brian Friel - A. Roche 2011-05-25

Friel is recognised as Ireland's leading playwright and due to the ability of plays like Translations and Dancing at Lughnasa to translate into other cultures he has made a major impact on world theatre. This study draws on the Friel Archive to deepen our understanding of how his plays were developed.

Aristocrats - Brian Friel 1980

Brian Friel's achingly beautiful 1979 play about the disintegration of Ireland's gentry, "Aristocrats," is so Chekhovian, you keep expecting his distinguished family to put down the whiskey bottle and start swigging tea from a samovar. There is a palpable irony to the title, since Friel shows a once grand Irish Catholic family cocooned in make-believe and falling apart in the 1970s. The country house they strive to maintain, a kind of Ballybeg Brideshead, is in disrepair. The patriarch, a former judge, is a stricken figure whose authoritarian ramblings we hear through a baby monitor. Of the three daughters we see, one is a careworn coper, another a London-based lush and the third a chronic depressive. Meanwhile, their sibling, Casimir, is a fey fantasist steeped in false memories and talking, somewhat improbably, of the wife and three children he has in Hamburg.

Brian Friel in Conversation - Brian Friel 2000

Reflections by the author of Dancing at Lughnasa on Irish writers, the theater, nationalism, Catholicism, and his childhood

Modernity, Community, and Place in Brian Friel's Drama - Richard Rankin Russell 2022-09-29

Modernity, Community, and Place in Brian Friel's Drama shows how the leading Irish playwright explores a series of dynamic physical and intellectual environments, charting the impact of modernity on rural culture and on the imagined communities he strove to create between readers, and script, actors and audience.

Brian Friel - Nesta Jones 2000

Is your enjoyment of Brian Friel's work hampered by a lack of Irish historical knowledge? Are you studying his plays and looking for help with interpretation? Do you teach Friel and need reliable guide to the plays? A Faber Critical Guide to Brian Friel's major work gives all this and more. It gives an introduction to the distinctive features of the playwright's work; it explains the significance of the playwright in the context of modern theatre; it provides a detailed analysis of each of the classic plays in terms of language, structure and character; and it includes features of performance and a select bibliography. Compiled by experts in their field, for use in the classroom, college or at home, Faber Critical Guides are the essential companions to the work of leading dramatists.

Selected Plays - Brian Friel 1986

Contents: Philadelphia, Here I Come; The Freedom of the City; Living Quarters; Aristocrats; Faith Healer; Translations Brian Friel was born in County Tyrone in 1929 and worked as a teacher before turning to full-time writing in 1960. His first stage success was in 1964 with Philadelphia, Here I Come, which established his claim as heir to such distinguished predecessors as Yeats, Synge, O'Casey, and Behan. In 1979 he and actor Stephen Rea formed the Field Day Theatre Company, whose first theatrical production was Friel's Translations in 1980. Also included in this selection are The Freedom of the City, set in Londonderry in 1970; Living Quarters, which Desmond MacAvok in the Evening Press called "one of the most fascinating and, in the end, truly moving evenings. . . in Irish Theatre"; Faith Healer, a metaphoric depiction of the artist and his gift' and Aristocrats, "as fine and as stimulating and as warm a piece of writing as had appeared on the Irish stage for many years," according to David Nowland, the Irish Times. -----

Faith Healer - Brian Friel 1980

In this darkly lyrical tale of a traveling faith healer roaming through Scotland and Wales with his wife and his manager, the author has created a metaphorical portrait of the artist as both creator and destroyer. The

Broadway production starred James Mason.--From publisher description.

Wonderful Tennessee - Brian Friel 1993

The Stagecraft of Brian Friel - David Grant 2004

David Grant's study of the stagecraft of Brian Friel results from many years of professional association with the Irish playwright's work. This Student Guide explores the dramatic and cultural significance of Friel's vision of Ireland, the ways in which the plays might be interpreted on the stage and a synoptic view of his contribution to the theatre. Of special interest is Grant's inclusion of theatrical workshops to enhance our understanding of Friel's craft.

Give Me Your Answer, Do! - Brian Friel 2000

THE STORY: The play is set in the home of the impoverished Irish novelist, Tom Connolly, and his wife, Daisy, whose lives are overshadowed by their permanently hospitalized daughter. They are visited by Daisy's parents and by the successful novelist

Brian Friel - Geraldine Higgins 2010

Brian Friel is Ireland's leading living playwright, a fact that is easily observable on the billboards of Derry Dublin, London and New York. These locations are also essential in understanding the range and reach of Friel's theatrical concerns and his projected audience. From his first major success on the stage, Philadelphia Here I Come! in 1964 to his most recent play, The Home Place in 2005, Friel has revived and revised the Irish tradition of verbal theatre. This book examines Friel's work within the context of Irish storytelling. It also considers his position as a writer from the north of Ireland negotiating between the responsibilities of art and the demands of violent conflict. Friel's work forms the cornerstone of contemporary Irish drama and this comprehensive study shows why he is recognized as one of the most significant and influential playwrights writing today.

Brian Friel - Tony Corbett 2001-10-01

Making History - Brian Friel 1989

Friel has written an historical play about Hugh O'Neill, Earl of Tyrone, who led an alliance of Irish and Spanish soldiers against the armies of Elizabeth I in an attempt to drive the English out of Ireland. The action takes place before and after the Battle of Kinsdale, at which the alliance was defeated.

Brian Friel: Plays 2 - Brian Friel 1999-06-30

A collection of five plays by Brian Friel.

Brian Friel's Dramatic Artistry - Brian Friel 2006

Essays on Irish playwright, Brian Friel

Dancing at Lughnasa - Brian Friel 1993

THE STORY: This extraordinary play is the story of five unmarried sisters eking out their lives in a small village in Ireland in 1936. We meet them at the time of the festival of Lughnasa, which celebrates the pagan god of the harvest with drunken

Brian Friel's (Post) Colonial Drama - F. C. McGrath 1999-12-01

Brian Friel is Ireland's most important living playwright, and this book places him in the new canon of postcolonial writers. Drawing on the theory and techniques of the major postcolonial critics, F. C. McGrath offers fresh interpretations of Friel's texts and of his place in the tradition of linguistic idealism in Irish literature. This idealism has dominated Ireland's still incomplete emergence from its colonial past. It appeals to Irish writers like Friel who, following in a line from Yeats, Synge, and O'Casey, challenge British culture with antirealistic, antimimetic devices to create alternative worlds, histories, and new identities to escape stereotypes imposed by the colonizers. Friel grew up in Northern Ireland's Catholic minority and now lives in the Irish Republic. McGrath maintains that all Friel's work is marked by colonial and postcolonial structures. Like his predecessor Wilde, Friel mixes lies, facts, memories, and individual perception to create new myths and elevates blarney to a realm of aesthetic and philosophical distinction. An important, accessible, scholarly introduction, this book illustrates how Friel playfully subverts the English language and transcends British influence. Friel's reality is constructed from personal fiction, and it is his liberating response to oppression.