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Barry Redmond

The Book

Bayonets & Lace is the debut novel by Barry Redmond.

Bayonets & Lace is the true story of James and Kitty, set against the spectacular and tragic landscape of the 1798 rebellion in Ireland. This pair of 'star crossed lovers, live, love and die together on the tumultuous national stage, that is Ireland of the 1798 revolution.

The Screen

Bayonets & Lace is a charged narrative ideal for adaptation to the screen. It will be a landmark dramatic series set during the 1798 rebellion. It is a striking, pulsating and gripping story, set during The Enlightenment; a period when new and radical ideas were shaping and modernising, societies across Europe. Despite standing at the edge of this vast continent, Ireland's oppressed hearts and minds were open and ready for change.





"There are some things in life we need to hear, almost as if we owe it to our hearts."





Barry Redmond's novel *Bayonets & Lace* takes us through the keyhole, back to the world of late 18th century Ireland. The great famine has yet to happen, mass emigration too; 1916 and Independence is over a century away. Life at this time is harsh, but not

meaningless. James & Kitty's story is based on a true story of two lovers, from different sides of the social divide, who lived in Wexford at this time. James was a

United Irishman, Kitty was the daughter of an Ascendancy landlord. The young idealist peasant falls in love with a daughter of the ruling class. Their journey and love for each other was real, as was their fight for justice.

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The 1798 Irish rebellion had its roots in the French & American revolutions, both of which rejected the old order and sought to enshrine new radical, secular and democratic ideals.

Neither monarchy nor religion could stop this change.

Inspired by these events brave Irish men and women, from different religious and social backgrounds united for the first time, organising to rally against their oppressive governing regime. Their struggle was fraught with danger but their hearts were strong and uncompromising. *Bayonets & Lace* is James and Kitty's story. It's the story of their aspirations for a better life and their dreams for love fulfilled amidst this bitter and foolhardy, yet spirited time.


A black and white photograph showing a close-up, low-angle view of a thatched roof. The roof is made of woven reeds or straw, with a dark, shadowed interior. In the background, a person is visible, standing on a wooden structure, possibly a balcony or a walkway. The background is out of focus, showing some foliage and a bright sky. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

“Seldom in war can love
succeed.”



"Freedom was always bought
at a price. Always blood. Is there no
other way at all?"



A black and white photograph of a mountain silhouette against a bright sun in a cloudy sky. The sun is positioned in the upper right quadrant, creating a strong glow and casting the mountain into deep shadow. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

"Ireland will always be there but love
will not. So make up your mind."

David Vs Goliath

United Irishmen in 1791,
comprised of Catholics,
Methodists, Presbyterians
and dissident Protestants.

Together they aspired to
liberate a culture living under
an oppressive regime.





Will James' love
for Kitty be
rejected? Will
Kitty fall for the
enemy? Will
spies, idealists
or the ruling
elite, zealously
destroy them
both? Will their
Ireland be free?



Every nation has its defining epochs...





None are more defining for Ireland, than
1798...





Bayonets & Lace immerses us in the love affair,
between James de Lacey & Kitty Foldsworth, set
against a backdrop of bravery & treachery and an
Ireland in turmoil, during the heated summer of
1798...





Coming to a screen near you...





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