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Was James Joyce the greatest English language writer in modern times I don't know, maybe, but Dubliners helps to make his case Brilliant in its subtle, realistic way Fifteen stories that paint a portrait of Dublin at the turn of last century The Dead is the final story and the most poignant and powerful but several stand out as exceptional, and they are all good Counterparts is a disturbing close up look at the old drunken Irish family stereotype that fails to be humorous A Mother though epitomizes the stereotype of a blustering, stubborn as a mule Irish mother And about those Irish stereotype Might they have been given voice by Joyce through Dubliners A highly influential work from a respected, inspiring author this is great reading. This is a collection of short stories Or are they one single long story A Portrait of the City as an Old and Stultifying Enclave This story fashions a kaleidoscopic vision of Dublin in the early 1900s This is a city enclosed in a gray cylinder that a hand turns periodically and new scenes are conjured up for the contemplation of a single male eye The same components reappear, falling in different places playing different relationships with each other some others disappear forever or stay hidden in the corners to may be reappear again after all One cannot know how the elements will place themselves on the next turn. Rich collection of elements youth and adulthood money matters trapping marriages trapping love ill conceived duties Mary temptations for youth the ghost of England the public house chattered dreams Jesuits alcohol nationalism unfeminine women dreams of change school plays Death Parnell liberating escape topographical anchorage of the

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streets of Dublin. Another turn And there is Dublin again. And each time we recognize the narrow spaces, the sombre, the dreary, the faded, the routine, and the bleak prospects. The drabness of many of these hovering elements is however transformed by a play of incantation The desolation is perplexingly denatured into elegance and the stark absence of sentimentality blooms because what it renders is so very genuine There is a magic wand in the form of a pen of wizardry that by the clothing with words, precisely chosen words, carefully written words, encapsulates the dreariness and creates tales that captivate and enchant us. And may be there is also an additional light in this kaleidoscope that makes these sorry elements shine through those inner reflecting mirrors The humour of a sparkling and luminous mind Citiscape Rachel Simonson, US Anthropocene David Thomas Smith, Ireland. Dubliners, James Joyce Dubliners is a collection of fifteen short stories by James Joyce, first published in 1914 They form a naturalistic depiction of Irish middle class life in and around Dublin in the early years of the 20th century. The stories The Sisters After the priest Father Flynn dies, a young boy who was close to him and his family deals with his death superficially. An Encounter Two schoolboys playing truant encounter a middle aged man. Araby A boy falls in love with the sister of his friend, but fails in his quest to buy her a worthy gift from the Araby bazaar. Eveline A young woman weighs her decision to flee Ireland with a sailor. After the Race College student Jimmy Doyle tries to fit in with his wealthy friends. Two Gallants Two con men, Lenehan and Corley, find a maid who is willing to steal from her employer. The Boarding House Mrs Mooney successfully manoeuvres her daughter Polly into an upwardly mobile marriage with her lodger Mr Doran. A Little Cloud Little Chandler s dinner with his old friend Ignatius Gallaher casts fresh light on his own failed literary dreams The story also reflects on Chandler s mood upon realising that his baby son has replaced him as the centre of his wife s affections. Counterparts Farrington, a lumbering alcoholic scrivener, takes out his frustration in pubs and on his son Tom. Clay The old maid Maria, a laundress, celebrates Halloween with her former foster child Joe Donnelly and his family. A Painful Case Mr Duffy rebuffs Mrs Sinico, then, four years later, realises that he has condemned her to loneliness

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and death. Ivy Day in the Committee Room Minor politicians fail to live up to the memory of Charles Stewart Parnell. A Mother Mrs Kearney tries to win a place of pride for her daughter, Kathleen, in the Irish cultural movement, by starring her in a series of concerts, but ultimately fails. Grace After Mr Kernan injures himself falling down the stairs in a bar, his friends try to reform him through Catholicism. The Dead Gabriel Conroy attends a party, and later, as he speaks with his wife, has an epiphany about the nature of life and death At 15 16,000 words this story has also been classified as a novella The Dead was adapted into a film by John Huston, written for the screen by his son Tony and starring his daughter Anjelica as Mrs Conroy 1984 1346 227 1362 1371 214 9643312410 20 1372 300 143 1378 1383 1388 9789644481024 1 300 1 143 1389 453 9789644484681 1389 200 9786005337976 1389 228 9789644778551 1394 232 9786007364208 1388 402 Before embarking towards my maiden Joyce read, I prepared myself to pour in as much effort required on my part to understand Dubliners I didn't assume them to be incomprehensible or distant, but an anxiety akin to meeting a known stranger for the first time was definitely present The said anxiety shortly materialized into a much awaited prospect after reading the opening story and finally transformed into a confident and gentle companion who led me through the sepia streets of an unassuming city Dublin, as I soon realized, was just around the corner I had hardly any patience with the serious work of life which, now that it stood between me and my desire, seemed to me child's play, ugly monotonous child's play. Calmly engaged within the secure air of its daily affairs, the people of Dublin were also ostensibly calm and secure and yet a moment reflection about a dormant or potential life managed to extract stories which were snuggled in simple form and simpler titles but traced intricate and at times, unheeded emotions An aimless walk concluded in cheap happiness and an embarrassing accident convinced someone to search for an elusive redemption A death unveiled the value of oblivious living while a motherly conduct was driven by frustrations and misplaced ambitions Most of these characters were representative, not whole but of a remarkable fragment of lives that we either experience ourselves or witness in others during the time we live She sat amid the chilly circle of her

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accomplishments, waiting for some suitor to brave it and offer her a brilliant life. A perpetual struggle for attention between past and present was an integral part of these stories sans any violent clashes. Some of them appeared as if being viewed from a neighbor's window and some welcomed me through a cordial door and took their time to introduce every element of the household. I admired how well the majority of people were coping with the consequences of their choices and how easily they found humor in the ironies of life. And I quailed on seeing the suffocation of the negligible minority on being caught in the web of their inhibitions. I understood that even after getting a crystal clear view of their circumstances from a vantage point, they still refused to adopt a different course, to sail away to a different country, to a dreamy world. It was hard work, a hard life, but now that she was about to leave it she did not find it a wholly undesirable life. With every subsequent narration, I imagined Joyce to be in deep contemplation about everything and everyone around him. I imagined him to carefully select an appropriate frame for his various thoughts and placing each one of them at their desirous place. I imagined how he must have wanted to capture an epiphanic moment among the melancholic tune of Irish songs, when he wanted to paint a picture with decided title but undecided colors or when he simply wished to write about the approachable beauty of that girl on other side of the pavement. I imagined his joy for the love and pain at the criticism for his native place. I was left in awe of the virtuosity of this young man and the several portraits he created with his words. He had an odd autobiographical habit which led him to compose in his mind from time to time a short sentence about himself containing a subject in the third person and a predicate in the past tense. And when I reached the end, I simply wished to possess a literary talent like this for a very short time to write a story of my own and discreetly slip it into this collection. Dublin and Dubliners felt that close to me.

Irlanda es un gran país. Lo llaman la Isla Esmeralda. Después de siglos de estrangulamiento, el gobierno metropolitano la ha dejado desierta y es ahora un campo de barbecho. El gobierno sembró hambre, sífilis, superstición y alcoholismo puritanos, jesuitas y reaccionarios. Crecen ahora James Joyce. Cuando uno recorre la lista de los más grandes escritores que dio la literatura y pone especial atención en aquellos que amaron en

el real sentido de la palabra a su tierra natal, la cantidad de autores se acorta notablemente. Además de los aedos griegos, que le escriban a su terruño en forma inevitable descubriremos que ciertos autores tuvieron el concepto de pertenencia muy claro. Muchos escritores sintieron una especial simpatía por su país: García Márquez por Colombia, Balzac, Hugo y Flaubert por Francia, Hawthorne y su naturaleza americana por nombrar algunos. Pero cuando se habla de amor por una ciudad, pocos, muy pocos son los que rescatamos. Creo que junto a Fiodor Dostoievski, un apasionado de su querida San Petersburgo y a Julio Cortázar, desdoblado entre la urbanidad de Buenos Aires y la cosmopolita París, sólo James Joyce es un devoto y fiel amante de su ciudad natal, Dublín, una de las principales ciudades de Irlanda junto a Belfast y Kilkenny. Los quince cuentos y relatos de *Dublínenses* se impregnan de esa mística irlandesa en sus calles, su gente y edificios.

Nuevamente recuerdo a Julio Cortázar porque creo que estos dos autores supieron ahondar profundamente en la idiosincrasia de sus ciudades logrando mostrarnos con firmes pinceladas cómo era la naturaleza real de sus habitantes y de esos submundos descritos en bares, oficinas, casas, parques, calles, ciudades, muelles y plazas. Joyce retrata en cada cuento la frustración y la soledad de muchos dublínenses. La gran mayoría de ellos son simples oficinistas, mucamas, señoras mayores, alcohólicos, políticos de poca monta, jóvenes desempleados. Joyce quiso retratar la parálisis dublinesa. Los relatos como vienen se van, algunos de ellos quedan abiertos a las múltiples interpretaciones de los lectores y siempre nos dejan un sabor agri dulce. La muerte sobrevuela omnipresente y poderosa en muchos de estos cuentos y el desasosiego se instala en los personajes. En la mayoría de estos cuentos los intentos de estos son fáciles, no alcanzan para cubrir sus necesidades, anhelos o esperanzas. No encontraremos aquí pasajes divertidos. Tal vez alguna anecdota casi graciosa, pero el ambiente de los cuentos es el de un leve flotar de almas en suspenso. De todos los cuentos y además de *Los Muertos*, del cual ya hice la reseña correspondiente, los que más me gustaron fueron *Eveline*, *Copias* y *Un caso doloroso*. Son tres cuentos profundos, escritos con suma fineza y bellísima precisión literaria y creo además que el trato que Joyce le da al contexto psicológico de los personajes es realmente

maravilloso. Releer *Dubliners* reafirma mi profunda devoción por Joyce, un genial escritor del que supe vencer el miedo literario a la hora de afrontar su obra más difícil como lo fue el *Ulises* y como ser en breve leer su *Finnegans Wake*. Mientras tanto, la lectura de este libro, *Los Muertos y Retrato del artista adolescente*, que constituyen la parte más accesible de su obra definen lo que escribí previamente que cada día quiero más a James Joyce. James Joyce once said If Dublin suddenly disappeared from the Earth it could be reconstructed out of my book *Ulysses* I have never been to Dublin so I have no idea what it's like today, but through Joyce's writings I have a sense of what it was like in the early 20th century. It's not so much that he describes the physical city, but his descriptions of its establishments, its social and political atmosphere, and especially its people, is so detailed and complete that the physical picture just pops up, like in one of those children's pop up books. It is so in *Ulysses* and it certainly is true in this book, *Dubliners*. *Dubliners*, this collection of 15 short stories, was published in 1914, two years before *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* and eight years before *Ulysses*. These stories lay the groundwork for his later novels, a primer, if you will. I think it's good advice to anyone just starting on James Joyce works, to start with *Dubliners*. Like all short story collections some are better than others, but they are all good, all consistent, and they never stray from Joyce's verbal painting of his beloved Dublin. This Work Of Art Reflects Life In Ireland At The Turn Of The Last Century, And By Rejecting Euphemism, Reveals To The Irish Their Unromantic Realities. Each Of The Stories Offers Glimpses Into The Lives Of Ordinary Dubliners, And Collectively They Paint A Portrait Of A Nation. Was no doubt about it if you wanted to succeed you had to go away. You could do nothing in Dublin. The stories that make up *Dubliners* open with death and death ends it as well. And somewhere in between there is a life. The first truancy, the first timid amorous sighs and all shades of greyness, whole stretches of the usual humdrum reality. People caught up in the daily routine, whom life was withheld. The workers, petty crooks and freeloaders, seamstresses, scullery maids, servants, scribes, salesmen, union activists the whole cross section of Irish middle and lower middle class. Some of them crave for money, some for other places, some for love while others for

another times And the they re yearning the bigger is their disillusionment and discontent Outcasts from life s feast. Boy from Araby , enamoured of friend s sister wants to visit a charity bazaar and buy something for the girl to find finally the bazaar closed, hero of Counterparts having pawned his watch, wants only to drink himself up but ends up with empty pockets and does not even feel drunk or Chandler, hero of A Little Cloud who s eagerly awaiting his old friend to find him only vulgar and patronizing People unfulfilled, for whom an intemperance is something as inevitable as climate changes, who take out all their failures, pathetic fate and frustration on children and weaker than themselves Who feel that if they want to achieve anything in life they have to leave this town behind, that in Dublin actually there is no life. And so Joyce did But no matter how much had he abandoned Dublin, after all he took this city with himself forever He loved and hated it, became a bard of Dublin and its inhabitants, a great admirer but its stern critic at the same time The same sentiments had he for his homeland, often in his works called Errorland The main theme of Dubliner that ties together all stories is the breakdown of all values, embodied in drunkenness, decadent debauchery, obscurantism of clergy, hypocrisy, intellectual primitivism of bourgeoisie, and finally paralysis of the Irish political scene after the death of Parnell. Joyce, chronicler of Dublin, alternately realistic and nostalgic, depicts city of lost hopes and failing chances to end this collection with absolutely brilliant story The Dead in which Gabriel counts on some pleasant moments with his wife, while she s yearning for her dead lover, and finally falling snow reconciles everything, covering equally the living and the dead. Why do we wish to live this life life, which at times seem to accompany the vague impressions we have long since been comfortable to carry along the ideas, the choices, which have become a second nature to us How many times do we stop and think about them Particularly, as readers, as the ones who have been challenged, and hence in a way made aware by written word how many times do we stop and think life cannot always be a search, it cannot always be a constant exploration into unknown, a desperate call to something which is striven for, for the attainment of something decisive Or is it Perhaps But what when the decisive is attained, is conquered Where does one go from there Surely,

in search of something still unknown, still unconquered But we forget to stop in between Or we rather choose to ignore that which comes in between, because we are too afraid to stop And that is life I remember this very beautiful quote by Allan Saunders Life is what happens to you when you are busy making other plans We forget that sometimes, life is also the acceptance of that which is presented to us by mere chances, or than that, by the long witnessed usual So, when I picked up *Dubliners*, while still continuing with *The Rebel*, I was at first annoyed because nothing seemed unusual or interesting there But then, I just strove ahead because I had loved *A Portrait of an Artist as a Young Man* and so I wanted to give this a chance Some stories and I realized the simple idea with which these stories might have been penned I realized that author might have wanted to portray life, as actually experienced and lived by the characters, who might in fact had been real people around him People, who had lived a life, set by routine patterns and where nothing out of ordinary had ever happened This realization made me sit straight and question myself How many right ways can be there to live a life One or two or Is it ours or theirs or still, somewhere between the two I don't even know if these are the right options But what I do understand is that, either way it is life we are talking about Life which is lived, both consciously and unconsciously, which may be different in living but which in the end culminates into the same Oh, but by this I do not undermine one way or the other but simply wish to express the value of understanding both. It was the last story of the collection i.e. *The Dead* which deeply touched and gave me food for thought It actually brought to eyes something unusual from the rest of the stories view spoiler See, the incorrigible me hide spoiler review update 5 15 17 The first twelve stories of *Dubliners* were submitted to a publisher in 1905, when Joyce was 22 They were accepted, but squeamishness on the publisher's part kept delaying publication Over the next three years Joyce submitted three additional stories Finally he took the collection to a second publisher Again it was accepted, and again it was held back Finally, in 1914, the original publisher overcame his fears and released the volume to the public By now, however, Joyce's *Portrait of the Artist* was appearing in a serialized version, and the novel overshadowed the short stories as did, or course, Joyce's two modern masterpieces,

Ulysses and Finnegans Wake. So it was only slowly, over the course of many years, that Dubliners gained recognition for both the modernism and the rather brute realism of its stories. In the previous update, I chose to use the word dreary in describing the stories. That they are. But this time let's try resignation stories of resignation. This is perhaps better, since it's less ambiguous. Joyce writes about the people of Dublin as resigned to the lives they have controlled by the Church to some extent, controlled by the British to the extent the British give a damn, prey to the simple pleasures of drink, having children, and pretending that life's not really so bad. And of course there are classes in this society, so that those of any class except the bottom can always compare themselves pridefully to those below them, should they care to. I scanned through the last, longest story, *The Dead*, looking for a good quotation. Alas, they were few and far between, and too long to bother with. But this story is a fit capstone to the collection. It's about a traditional New Year's Eve celebration that a few dozen of Dublin's better-off citizens partake of, an evening of music, dancing, feasting. Nothing about anyone's death, though the protagonist, Gabriel, has rather morose thoughts often during the evening. Then in the last few pages, a tale of death finds its way into the story, a death that occurred long ago, but is newly revealed to Gabriel and causes him to have very quotable thoughts as he falls asleep. But, it occurred to me that the story's title refers not just to these last few pages, but to all the people celebrating that evening. Joyce suggesting that even these well-fed, happy people, in failing to recognize the resignation with which they accept their lives, are in their own way, though living, part of *The Dead*. review update 3/17/15

obviously in celebration of a certain day. Just a few thoughts on these stories a couple years later. When I said below that the stories aren't exciting, yes, well, first I didn't mean that they were not very affecting stories, because some of them are. One could use the word depressing. But, I think the atmosphere of the stories is probably much like the weather that I associate with the Emerald Isle: damp, cloudy, hints of rain, chill in most parts of the year, maybe summerlike for a couple weeks in July. Gloomy weather that makes you seek out a pub and the warm comfort of a pint with friends. Then there's that Catholic haze that looms over everything, the haze and the weather and

maybe even the people such that Joyce himself had to flee. Whenever you feel like subjecting yourself to this sort of dreariness, which should be often, read one of the stories, it will suit your yearning. original review These aren't the most exciting short stories ever written. They were written by Joyce, though, so that sets them on a level of Literature that most writers can only dream of. It also means that they are worthy of study, and that the time spent studying them will be well spent. Terence Brown's Introduction shows that he has studied these stories for a long time, and his Notes make it apparent that there is not a word, a slang term, a Dublin location, nor a historical reference in the stories that he does not know most everything about. The footnoting is at times a bit distracting of course, everyone knows that you think but of course those things that everyone knows vary from reader to reader. All in all, this is a very good edition of Dubliners. I was once an English lit major in college only for a year, and still have infrequent yearnings in that direction. One of those I have had in recent years is to take the time to write a long essay on these stories. I do think they are worth that kind of effort.

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