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IN BRITISH EDUCATION**

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**National Conference**

**Saturday, 11 th February, 1989 .**

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# Irish Studies Workshop

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## IRISH DIMENSIONS IN BRITISH EDUCATION 6TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE - Saturday 11 February, 1989

### THE IRISH STUDIES SCENE IN BRITAIN - PROGRESS AND PERCEPTIONS

This conference is aimed at teachers, parents, first and second generation Irish, Irish community organisations and all those interested in the relationship between culture and education.

This year there will be two guest speakers:

- i) MARY HICKMAN (Irish Studies Centre, North London Polytechnic): This talk will cover the Centre's development re degree courses, research projects and links with other institutions: Progress and Perceptions.
- ii) JONATHAN MOORE (Editor of 'Irish Studies in Britain' and BAIS Executive member) will discuss the topical issue of Historical Revisionism and the Irish in Britain.

There is a wide range of WORKSHOPS to choose from covering many aspects of development; please choose from list

Room No.	WORKSHOPS - Please choose 2 to reflect your preferences
* a.m. only 1 4 ↑	<u>DAVID SMITH</u> (Leicester Polytechnic) - Sources for studying the Travellers, past and present.
a.m. + p.m. 2 1	<u>CATHERINE BYRON</u> (Irish Studies Workshop, Leicester) - Teaching modern Irish Poetry by Women Writers.
a.m. + p.m. 3 3	<u>JOHN MCGURK</u> : using source materials for teaching 16th and 17th Century Irish Studies and Anglo-Irish relations; (L'Pool Irish Studies Inst.)
a.m. + p.m. 4 5 ↑	<u>PAUL STEWART</u> (Sunderland Poly.) and <u>JIM McCAULEY</u> (N.Staffs Poly.) on Protestant identity in N.Ireland - examination of the issues.
* p.m. only 5 4	<u>JO FLYNN</u> (Manchester LEA) the new Adult Ed. GCSE in Irish Studies in the Manchester Open College context.
a.m. + p.m. 6 6 ↑	<u>SEAN HUTTON</u> (BAIS Executive Director): sources for Irish Working Class History.
a.m. + p.m. 7 Lib.	<u>KATE THOMPSON</u> - Irish Language Teaching for Adults, new methodologies, materials and resources.
* p.m. only 8 2	<u>PAT BUCKLAND/ROGER SWIFT</u> Irish Studies in the Secondary School with special reference to the new A Level and A/S Levels.
* a.m. only 9 2	<u>PHIL SLIGHT &amp; TEAM</u> - Ethnographic Resources for Art Education, B'ham Poly. - Celtic Art & Design in schools (Jun. & Sec.)

This Conference is supported financially by the BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR IRISH STUDIES, Soar Valley College and the Multicultural Service of Leicester LEA.

#### CONFERENCE TIMETABLE

9.30-10.00	Registration (coffee available in Refectory upstairs).
10.00-11.00	<u>Mary HICKMAN</u> on N. London Polytechnic's Irish Studies Centre.
11.00-11.30	Coffee
11.30-12.30	Workshops - See list of choices on Page 3 (1st Session).
12.30- 2.00	Lunch (Licensed lounge available)
2.00- 3.00	<u>Jonathan MOORE</u> : Revisionist History and the Irish in Britain.
3.00- 3.30	Tea
3.30- 4.30	Workshops (2nd Session)
4.30- 4.45	Plenary and Farewell

ATTENDANCE LIST - 1989 CONFERENCE

Please note: the 2 numbers to the left of your name are the choice of 2 WORKSHOPS you indicated on your application. The numbers correspond with those on the first page of the programme.

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BEAUMONT, Mrs.; Student, Leic. Univ. Irish Society.  
4 BOAKES, Mary; Brighton, Sussex.  
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7 BREEN, Donal; Warley, West Midlands.  
9 BREEN, Peter; King's Norton, Birmingham; Univ. of Warwick.  
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BYRON, Catherine; SVC Irish Studies Workshop, Leicester.  
6 CANAVAN, Bernard; London; Irish Studies Lecturer & Antiquarian Books.  
4 CONWAY, Anne; Stonleigh, Epsom, Surrey.  
6 CULLEN, Paul; First Secretary (Labour), Irish Embassy, London.  
DANAHER, Maureen; Junior School Teacher, Leics LEA.  
6 DANAHER, Nesson; Co-ord. S.V.C. Ir. Stds. Workshop, Ir. Stds. Inst. L'pool Univ.  
DOYLE, Catherine; Chairperson, Leicester Irish Society.  
4 EDWARDS, Ruth Dudley; Chairperson, British Association Irish Studies, London.  
4 FERGUSON, Kevin; Ernesford Grange School & Community College, Coventry.  
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5 FLYNN, Martin; Birmingham Public Libraries.  
9 HARRISON, Kevin; Shirley, West Midlands.  
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4 KINEALY, Christine, Dr.; Administrator, Ulster Historical Foundation, Belfast.  
9 LINT, Kevin; Irish Lang. student, S.V.C. Irish Studies Workshop.  
9 LOOBY, Joan; Tooting, London.  
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8 LYNCH, James; Allerton, Liverpool.  
5 McCALLION, Sean; Coventry Irish Theatre Group.  
8 McCAULEY, Jim; lecturer, North Staffs. Polytechnic.  
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6 MOORE, Maurice; Irish in Britain Representation Group, Coventry.  
9 MELIA, Josie; Brighton, Sussex.  
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4 MELLON, Liz.; Morley College, London; Irish Local History Project.  
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8 O'CONCHUBHAIR, Seamus; Rotherham, South Yorkshire.  
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3 O'KEEFE-IVENS, Nora; Long Buckby, Northampton

8 2 O'HARA, Jim; Vice-Chair BAIS; St. Mary's College, Strawberry Hill.  
 6 3 O'NEILL, Jame: Long Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge.  
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 BEKKER, Pieter; " " " " " "  
 JOHNSON, Gordon; " " " " " "  
 HALL, Alison; " " " " " "  
 4 6 McCAULEY, Noelleen; Irish Society, Trent Polytechnic, Notts.  
 5 7 DIRRANE, Ronan; Sherwood, Nottingham.  
 8 9 O'BROLCHAIN, Caoimhghin; Sunderland, Tyne and Wear.  
 WALSH, John; Manager, Allied Irish Banks, Leicester.  
 3 4 DOWNING, Mrs. Frankie; Head Teacher, Brixton, London.  
 5 6 DOWNING, Mr. Dan; Irish Studies Student at N.L. Poly.  
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 MacCOURT, Rory; student - Leicester University Irish Society.  
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 CONWAY, Seamus; Conradh na Gaeilge, Birmingham.  
 4 2 LILLIS, Theresa; Sheffield, Yorkshire.  
 1 3 CLEMENTS, Rose; Irish Studies Adult Ed. Student, Manchester.  
 6 7 O'BRIEN, Peter; " " " " " "  
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# 'Only the beginning'

## IRISH STUDIES FUNDING BREAKTHROUGH

A major funding breakthrough has been won by the British Association for Irish Studies, a cultural body founded in 1985 to expand the role of Irish Studies in British education. A deal, worth £150,000 over the next three years, has been clinched with Allied Irish Bank and is being officially announced at a reception this Wednesday at the Irish Embassy in London, which is being hosted by the Irish Ambassador to Britain, Andrew O'Rourke.

The hope now is that other firms and individuals will follow the AIB lead.

"This support is a major advance in facilitating the development of Irish Studies in Britain," says BAIS chairwoman Ruth Dudley Edwards. "We are delighted to have AIB as our first corporate patron."

It is understood that the money now raised will be used to sponsor the posts of executive director of BAIS and director of the joint education programme at the Institute of Irish Studies, based at the University of Liverpool.

The Institute of Irish Studies at Liverpool is the first multi-disciplinary teaching and research centre of its kind in Britain. It accepted its first undergraduate and post-graduate students at the beginning of the current academic year.

The joint education programme, based at the institute, is designed to develop Irish Studies within the mainstream educational system. Already an A level syllabus in modern Irish history and two A/S level syllabuses have been drawn up and accepted by the Joint Matriculation Board. Work is currently in progress on a GCSE in the Irish language.

### TRAINING

A beginning has also been made towards the provision of in-service training for teachers and a teaching pack is in preparation.

BAIS has also latterly:  
● Devised in conjunction with the Institute of Linguists a series of Irish language examinations which will be especially suitable for students studying the subject in adult education classes; candidates will sit the first such examinations in March.

● Financially supported an annual Irish Studies workshop at Soar Valley College in Leicester; the sixth such workshop is due to be held later this month.

● And devised a biennial, multi-disciplinary Irish Studies conference; the next one is being held in Liverpool in September.

Brian Wilson, AIB's group general manager in Britain, says that his company is "impressed by the nature of BAIS, the clarity of its aims and the progress it has made to date in promoting Irish Studies in Britain."

He adds that AIB is always interested "in significant initiatives which seek to improve mutual understanding and co-operation" between Ireland and Britain.

In 1986 BAIS identified ten institutions of higher education in Britain — universities, colleges and polytechnics — which were especially suitable for the development of Irish Studies. A new survey indicates that there may now be more and BAIS is in the process of updating its 1986 report with a view to approaching other organisations and commercial firms for sponsorship.

"We see the AIB initiative, as only the beginning", says BAIS vice-chairman Jim O'Hara. "Up to this we have only been funded by the Irish and British governments. We still have a long way to go. The hope must be now that other firms and indeed wealthy individuals will follow the AIB lead. Ideally we would like to see Irish Studies in Britain put on the same footing as their French, German or Canadian equivalents, all of which, in addition to government funding, get generous support from commercial interests."

BAIS points out that the provision of courses is a highly expensive business. A popular Irish history course at Brunel University, for instance, which cost approximately £3,000 a year to run, had to be dropped last year because of the unavailability of funds.

## Boost for Irish studies

### Ad hoc

**A** DONATION of £150,000 to the British Association for Irish Studies (BAIS) will boost an education programme to combat widespread ignorance about Ireland, the Irish, Northern Ireland and Anglo-Irish relations.

The money, from the Allied Irish Bank, will be used to fund an executive director for BAIS and to pay for a director of the association's joint education programme which aims to raise the status and profile of Irish studies in schools and community education. Supporters include the Irish and British governments, Her Majesty's Inspectors and higher education representatives.

Modern Irish history A and AS levels developed under the education programme are now offered by the Joint Matriculation Board. Work on a GCSE in the Irish language and planning for one in Irish studies are in progress.

The association runs in-service training and promoted the establishment of the Institute of Irish Studies at Liverpool University last year.

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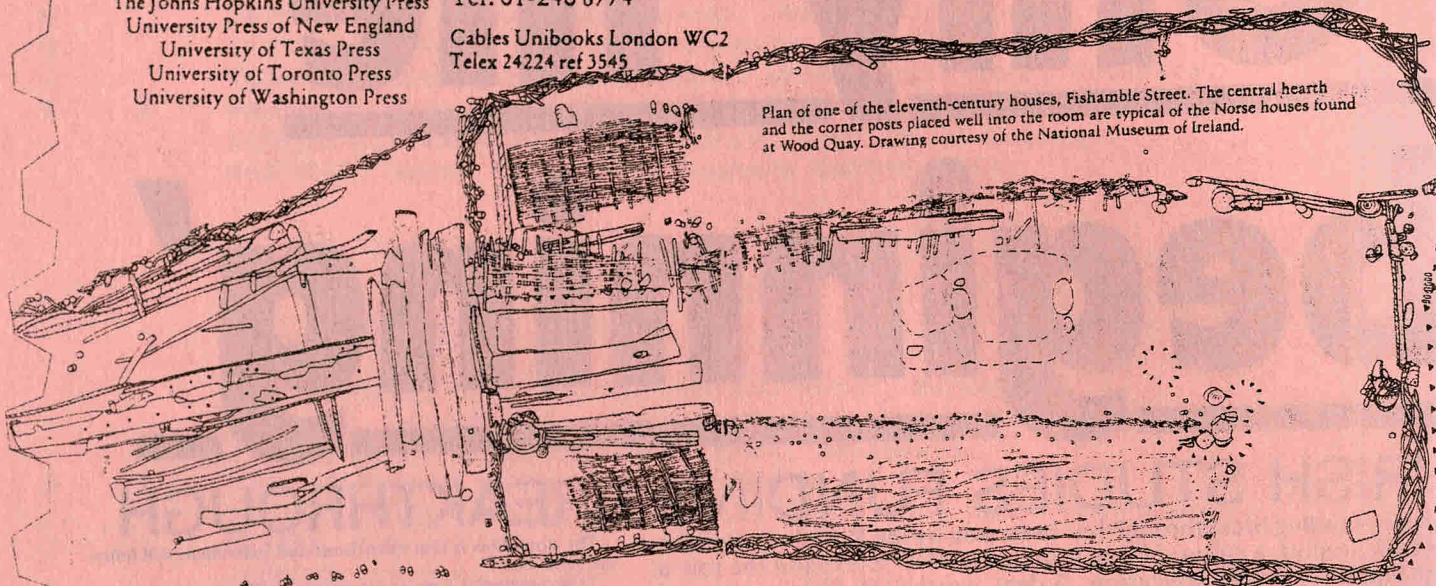
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Eleventh-century crook or walking-stick handle (?) carved in the Dublin version of the Hiberno-Norse art style known as Ringerike; found on the Fishamble part of the site. Photo: National Museum of Ireland.

The author of numerous publications and articles, THOMAS FAREL HEFFERNAN is professor of English at Adelphi University. He completed research for this book during three trips to Ireland in 1981, 1982, and 1987.

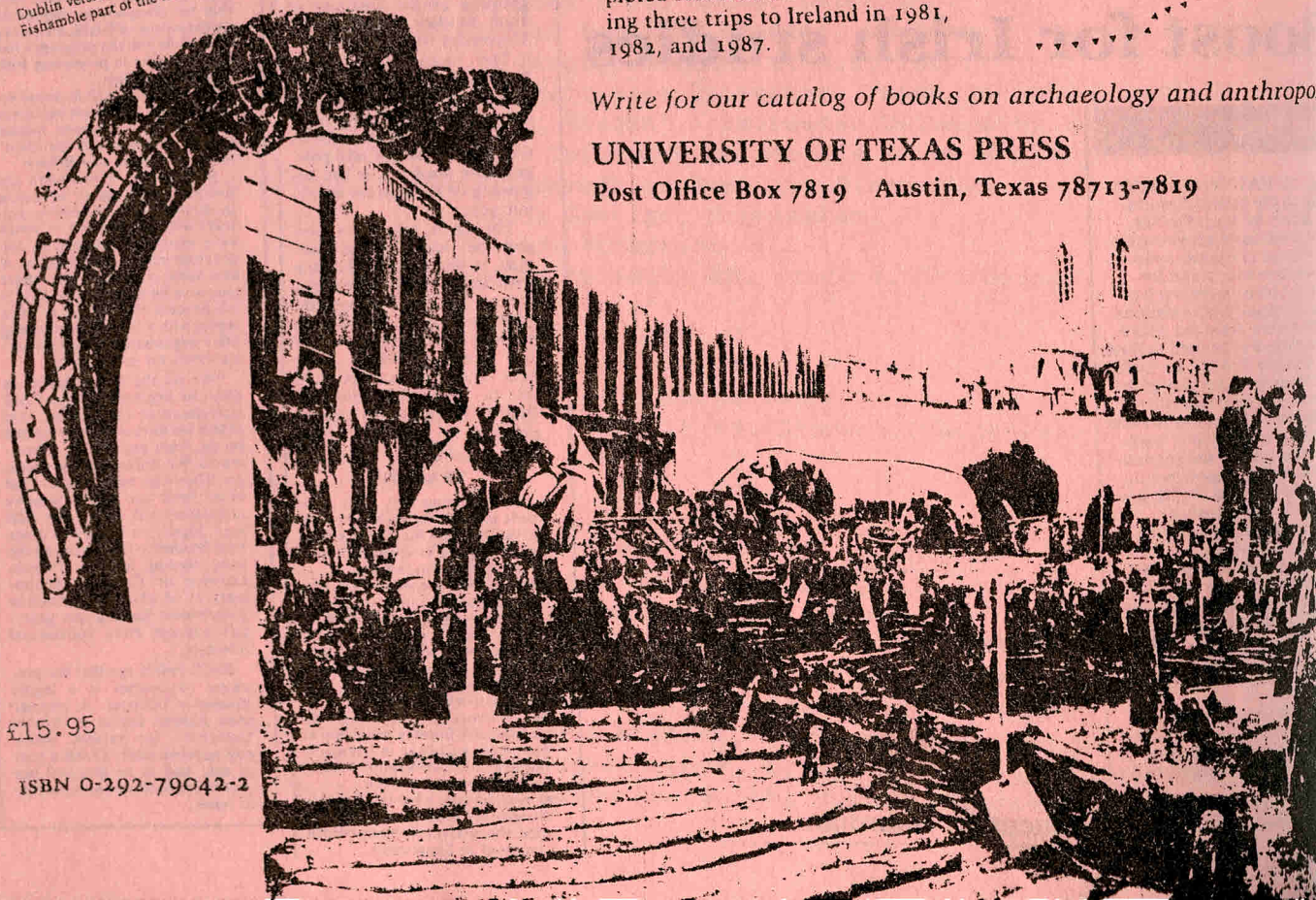
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**Institute of Irish Studies**

The Institute has been established at Liverpool University to provide academic leadership for the development of Irish Studies in Great Britain. It works closely with BAIS in promoting the study of Ireland in schools in Great Britain.

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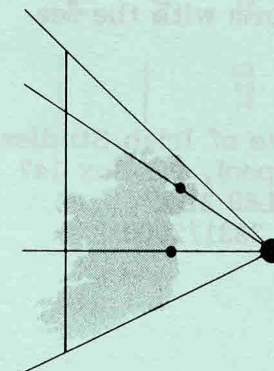
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Workshops will also provide the opportunity to devise active learning methods based on the use of documentary evidence, particularly the development of empathetic and differentiated learning techniques.

**Booking**

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18 March 1989

Programme

- 9.30 am Registration
- 10.00 Introduction
- 10.10 **Responses to Immigrants & Minorities in 19th & 20th Century Britain:** Dr. Colin Holmes, University of Sheffield.
- 11.10 Coffee
- 11.30 **English Attitudes to the Irish in Britain during the 19th Century.** Dr. Sheridan Gilley, University of Durham.
- 12.30 pm Lunch & Book Exhibition
- 1.30 **The Irish in British Society 1815-1914: curriculum planning.** Dr. Roger Swift, Institute of Irish Studies.
- 2.15 **Workshops: The use of primary sources in the study and teaching of the Irish in Britain.**
- 3.45 Tea
- 4.00 **Plenary session: The Irish in Britain in the classroom:** Problems and Strategies.

18 March 1989

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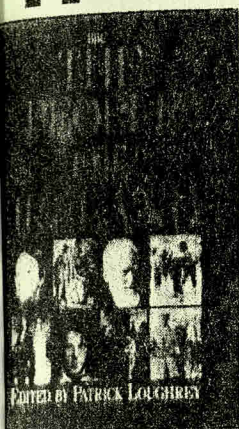
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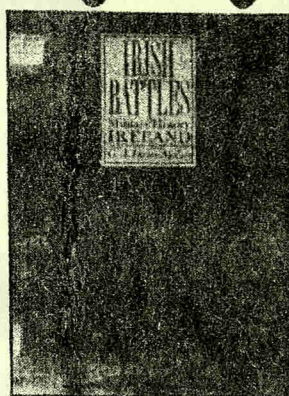
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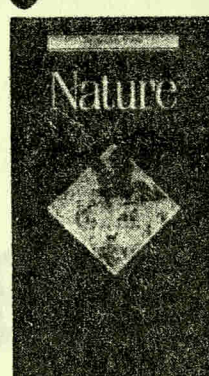
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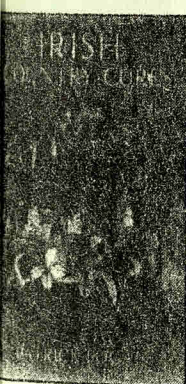
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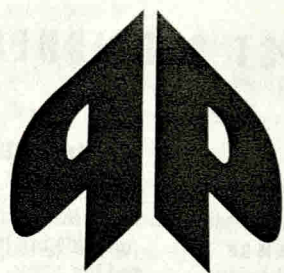
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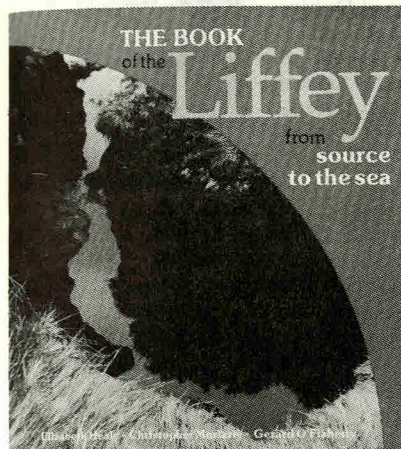
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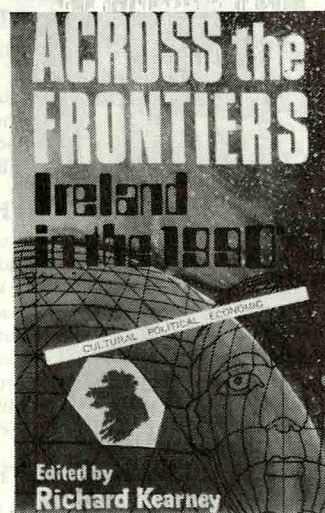
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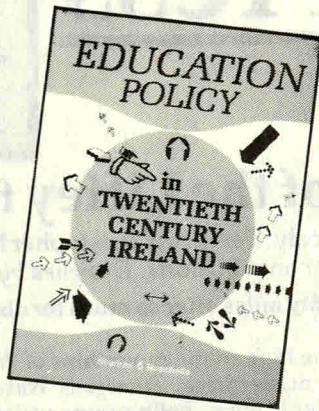
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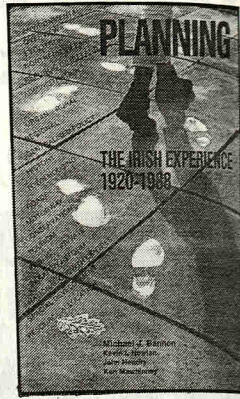
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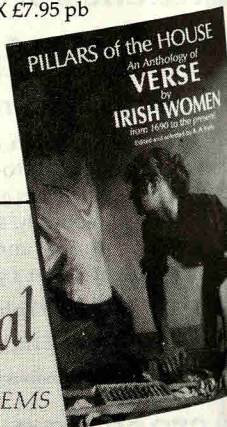
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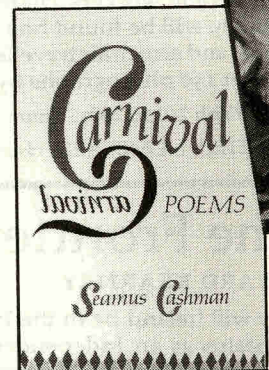
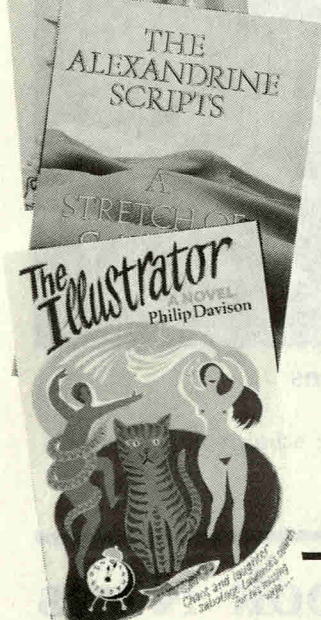
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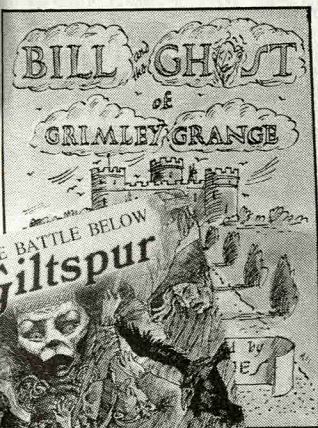
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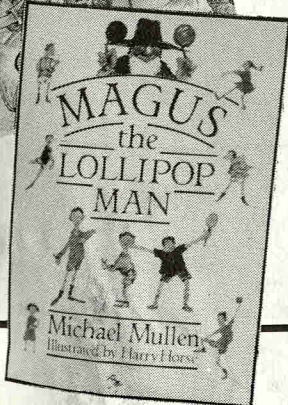
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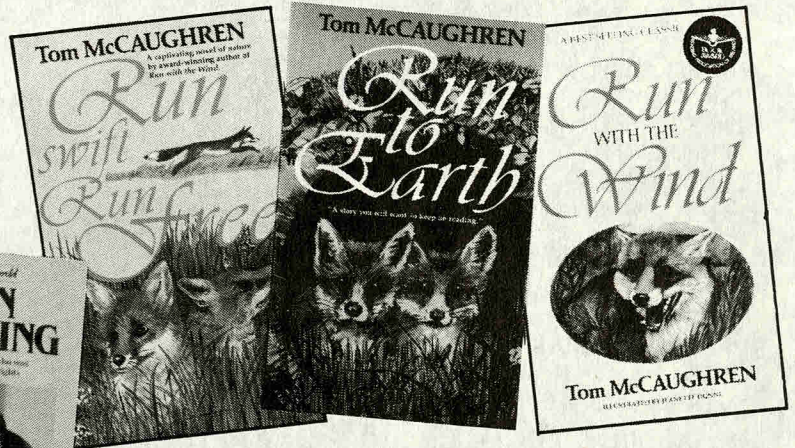
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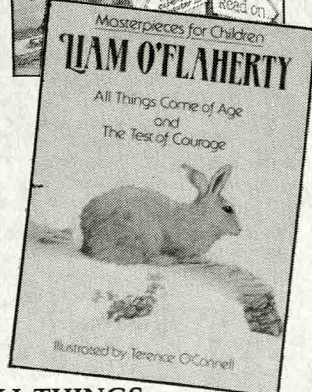
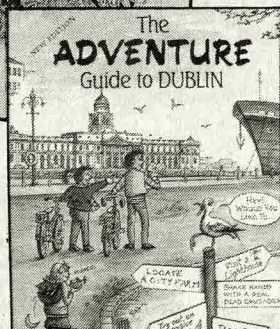
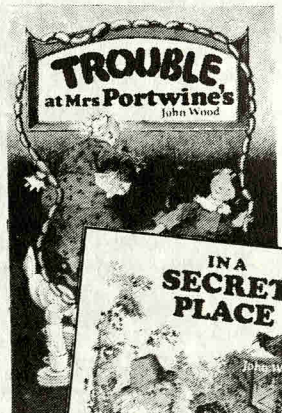
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