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Forget the myth of the sweet Irish Colleen. Real Irish women were no cream-puff debs. From the ancient warrior queens Marrigan, Macha, and Badbh to the labor-movement maven Mother Jones, Irish women have backbones of steel. *Wild Irish Roses* is a fascinating look at wild Irish women throughout history; serious information imparted in Trina Robbins' trademark style, with verve and humor.

The women in *Wild Irish Roses* are not always nice girls or even good girls, but they are women who know how to get things done, whether on the battlefield or in the bedroom. These are women who preserved and handed down the old stories. They are women who fought in revolutions with either gun or pen, wrote books, starred in books others wrote, and stormed heaven itself.

Author Trina Robbins is an impeccable researcher whose knack for telling stories and embellishing them with engaging illustrations and photos, brings each of these *Wild Irish Roses* to life, including:  
Maeve and six other warrior queens  
Grania and Deirdre, who ran away from kings for the love of younger men  
Five women who turned themselves into birds to get the job done right  
Saint Brigit and the saintly Kathleen O'Shea  
Cultural revivalist Maude Gonne and friends  
Irish-American beauty roses, including Scarlett O'Hara  
And warriors in their own right, such as Mother Jones and company

*Wild Irish Roses* is a celebration of tough, independent, beautiful Irish women from myth to modernity. It's a book that is sure to entertain, inform, and inspire readers of every background to find the Irish rose in themselves--to discover what they want and have the courage to go out and get it.

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