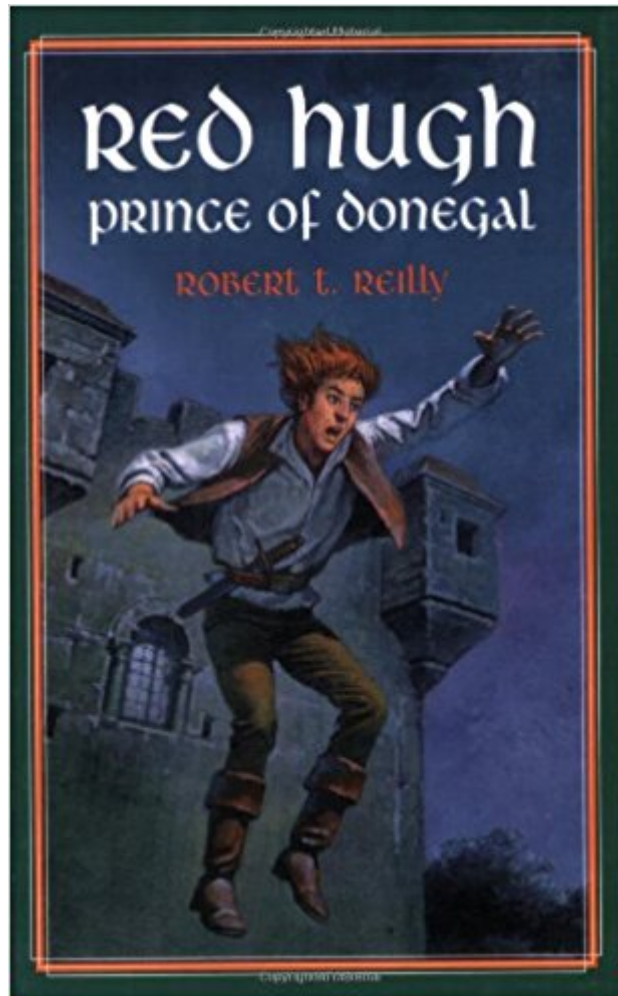




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Red Hugh, Prince Of Donegal (Living History Library)



Synopsis

Here's another one of those 'They could make it into a movie!' books that keeps you always wanting to read just one more chapter. Red Hugh was a true champion for Irish liberty from Queen Elizabeth's constricting reign in the late 1580's and beyond. Hugh's capture, imprisonment, and escape from the Dublin Castle; his triumph over a blizzard and frostbite; his dramatic rescue of his family's castle; his conflict with the evil Captain Leeds; and his inexhaustible love for Ireland make this a wonderful read-aloud book for the entire family. You learn an astonishing amount of Irish geography and culture while relishing this true adventure, as well.

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Customer Reviews

This is one of the best books I have ever read!!!!!! It is beautifully written and paints lovely mental images. Some of the sentences are real gems! One my favorites is the following: "The fiddlers were closing out the Fair with the old ballad which began, 'Five thousand farewells to the arm that was around me and will not be again!' The flame was failing in a hundred camp fires and the stars swam drunkenly in the wake of the departing vessel." Red Hugh is brave and courageous and is willing to give his life for Ireland and a friend. It has a wonderful and perfect ending as well. Red Hugh Prince of Donegal is surely a figure more marvelous than fiction! This is definitely a book I will read again and again!

Red Hugh is a book set back in time, about a prince and what he went through before he became the king. I really enjoyed the book, but my sister thought it was too boring. The first 7 chapters or so are about his life and how perfect it was, but after that things go downhill fast. Red Hugh O'Donnell is kidnapped, and spends much of the book after the 7th chapter in captivity. He is a brave prince that always manages to do the right thing.

What a good adventure! The true story of Hugh O'Donnell, who is kidnapped by the English at 15 and must escape home to his castle by the sea, is full of fun and excitement. Hugh makes a great hero; he's funny and brash and eager for a fight and he acts like a teenager. He loves his parents and his home and he carries himself with courage and with honor. As far as I know, the history is sound. It is a fun way to learn a little of Irish history with an action hero who really existed.

our 11 year old boy could not get enough of this book! He loved the exploits. So I had to read it . It's really, really good.

Ireland is oppressed by the forces of Elizabeth, the English queen. A few strongholds in the far northwest remain free of English domination, but Elizabeth has her eyes on these as well. In order to subdue Donegal, the English kidnap prince Hugh O'Donnell, heir to his ailing father's castle and lands, and lock him in prison in Dublin. Red Hugh: Prince of Donegal tells the tale of Hugh's imprisonment, attempts to escape, and his heroic fight against the English. It is engagingly written and is a quick and satisfying read. The characters are very well drawn--from the brave and long-suffering Hugh, to the indomitable Queen Ineen Duive, Hugh's mother; from the brawny and charming MacSweeney to the cruel English captain Leeds. Originally published in 1957, this new edition of Red Hugh is produced with modern audience in mind. It includes a useful map of northern Ireland which allows the reader to follow the action with ease. The book is well suited for kids aged 10 and up, though I admit to enjoying it myself at over thrice that age. The primary lessons taught are bravery, loyalty to family and country, and perseverance even in seemingly hopeless situations.

I read this book when I was about nine years old. It is a great adventure story. I would strongly recommend it for the middle grade to young adult reader. I would also recommend the historical novel Brendan of Kilrush which takes place in Ireland during the Dark Ages.

Red Hugh Roe O'Donnell, with the help of the MacSweeney, O'Neill and O'Toole clans fights for the

freedom of Ireland in the late 1500s. This true episode (one of the greatest in Irish history) is recounted with verve and wit. Even though billed as a "young adult" book, I believe everyone will enjoy this exciting and inspiring tale. If you are looking for a way to interest anyone (young or old) in European history, give them this book -- I guarantee it will whet their appetites. Excellent all around!

This book is extremely well written. It's filled with wit, adventure, and courageous characters. It's about a teen-age prince who goes on an incredible journey from a prison in Dublin where he was being held, to his home in Donegal, to save his province from English invaders. Set in a time of war and hatred, this book is so action-packed it's hard to believe it's a true story!

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