



Plight of the Wild Geese

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An historical graphic novel written by Dermot Poyntz and illustrated by Lee Grace.

One of the most tragic stories in Ireland's history brought to life for all to discover.

"Nothing was more dismal than the sad separation of man and wife... when the ablest men were once got on shipboard, the women and babes were left on the shore, exposed to hunger and cold, without any manner of provision, and without any shelter, in that rigorous season, but the canopy of heaven..."

Colonel Charles O'Kelly, a Jacobite officer.

The Flight of the Wild Geese refers to the departure of an Irish Jacobite army under the command of Patrick Sarsfield from Ireland to France, as agreed in the Treaty of Limerick on the 3rd October 1691, following the end of the Williamite War in Ireland.

More broadly, the term 'Wild Geese' is also used in Irish history to refer to the Irish soldiers who left Ireland to serve in European armies during the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries

The first Flight took place in 1607, when Hugh O'Neill and Rory O'Donnell set sail from Loch Swilly in Co. Donegal.

One name, above all others, associated with the Wild Geese is Patrick Sarsfield who led the second flight. He was the vital Irish figure in the final scene of that tragedy.

Poyntz and Grace portray this tragic story from the Siege of Athlone in 1691, the Battle of Aughrim, to the Treaty of Limerick, including the origins and initial exploits of the Irish Brigade in the service of France.



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