

# The Irish Country House

The Knight of Glin and James Peill  
Photographs by James Fennell

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From cabinets filled with generations of monogrammed heirloom china to canopy beds keeping the chill of an Irish winter at bay to cabbage-rose slip-covered sofas nestled under tall Gothic windows, this book takes the reader on a tour of ten grand Irish country houses, providing an intimate look at a marvellous hotchpotch of rooms and decoration. The specially commissioned, evocative photographs by James Fennell show inviting living rooms and tousled bedrooms, print-lined hallways and well-trampled mudrooms. The houses are not the instant creation of trendy decorators – they have evolved over generations, furnished with heirlooms and cherished hand-me-downs, and exuding the mossy scent of peat fires. This is a book for lovers of Ireland, history or decoration.

- An atmospheric portrayal of ten remarkable houses and castles that have survived the vicissitudes of Ireland's history and are still in the hands of their original families.
- James Fennell's photographs capture the distinctive personalities of the owners and their homes: a red silk bell-pull against green floral wallpaper, a drawer full of 200-year-old love letters, the curve of a wonderfully carved antique chair.
- In their delightful text, the Knight of Glin and James Peill tell the tale of some of the more colourful inhabitants of these homes, both past and present.

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