



# Irish Legends – an Introduction

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1. The Goddess Danu was Ireland's earth goddess.
2. The Tuatha de Dana came to Ireland aboard ships which they burned to ensure they did not return to their homeland.
3. Balor was the king of the Fomorians.
4. During a battle between the Tuatha de Danan and the Fomorians, Lugh used a slingshot to kill the King of the Fomorians, assuring victory to the Tuatha de Danan.
5. The children of Lir were turned into swans by their step-mother and were cursed for 900 years.
6. The Milesians arrived on Ireland's coast travelling from Spain.
7. The defeated Tuatha de Danan became the faery-folk.
8. The straits of Moyle are in the northern most part of Ireland.
9. Setanta's dream was to become a warrior for the king of Ulster.
10. Setanta killed a wolfhound in self-defense and became known as Cú Chulainn.
11. Mebd was the queen of Connacht.
12. Queen Mebd was one bull shy of equal wealth to her husband.
13. Queen Mebd went to battle for the great brown bull of Ulster. It was decided the bull would be fought for in single combat.
14. Fionn mac Cumhaill was raised in secret by a woman warrior and a woman druid.
15. Fionn gained all the knowledge in the world by eating a specific salmon.
16. Legend states Fionn created Giant's Causeway because he wanted to fight a Scottish giant.