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The Ulster Reciter

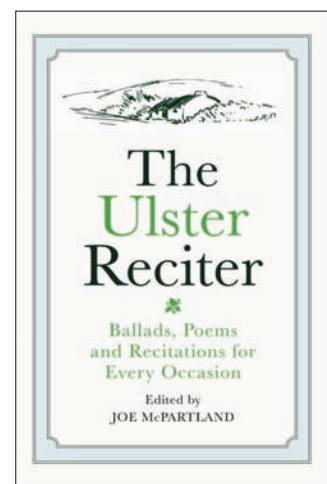
Ballads, Poems and Recitations for Every Occasion

Edited by Joe McPartland

One of the most significant traits in the Ulster character is the willingness – indeed insistence at times – to stand up and recite at the drop of a bowler hat.

Northern Ireland has a rich and colourful history of poetry, verse and recitation – you will be hard pressed to find someone who hasn't heard of 'The Man from God Knows Where', 'Master M'Grath' or 'William Bloat'. These familiar characters have become firm favourites in Ulster homes and – since it was first published in 1984 – so has *The Ulster Reciter*, a lively anthology which brings together the best of Northern Ireland's oral tradition.

Compiled by the late actor Joe McPartland – himself a great performer – and rereleased due to popular demand, this is a charming and timeless record of the Northern Irish voice at its best – a real treat for Ulster reciters everywhere.



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KEY SELLING POINTS

- Illustrated paperback
- Beautifully produced
- A unique collection of over 40 popular favourites
- Taps into nostalgia market

JOE MCPARTLAND (1928–1994) was born in Belfast and educated at St Mary's Christian Brothers School. While his first love was the stage, he started his working life as an accountant, before breaking into acting. A popular local actor, best known for his role in the 1993 movie *In the Name of the Father*, he also appeared in a number of other films, including *Ascendancy* (1982), *The Outsider* (1979) and *The Mind of Mr Soames* (1970). He was a regular radio, television and theatre performer, starring in many stage plays across the UK and Ireland. His memory lives on in his wife Pauline and two children: actor Joe McGrath and singer Aíne Uí Cheallaigh.