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In the semi-autobiographical Portrait, young Stephen Dedalus yearns to be an artist, but first must struggle against the forces of church, school, and society, which fetter his imagination and stifle his soul. The bookâ€™s inventive style is apparent from its opening pages, a record of an infantâ€™s impressions of the world around himâ€”and one of the first examples of the â€œstream of consciousnessâ€ technique.

Comprising fifteen stories, Dubliners presents a community of mesmerizing, humorous, and haunting charactersâ€”a group portrait. The interactions among them form one long meditation on the human condition, culminating with â€œThe Dead,â€ one of Joyceâ€™s most graceful compositions centering around a characterâ€™s epiphany. A carefully woven tapestry of Dublin life at the turn of the last century, Dubliners realizes Joyceâ€™s ambition to give his countrymen â€œone good look at themselves.â€

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