



Charlotte Brontë: the Irish connection.

'...so magnificent an ocean—so bold and grand a coast—I never yet saw.'

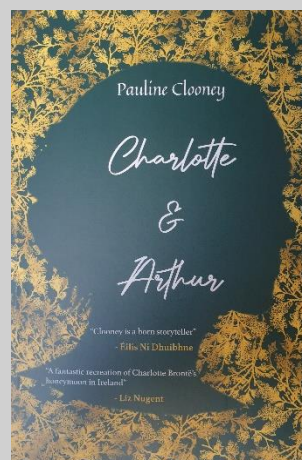
Charlotte's comments from her letters on seeing Ireland's Atlantic coast.

In 1854 the celebrated author of *Jane Eyre*, Charlotte Brontë married her father's curate, Irishman, Arthur Bell Nicholls, a fact that is well known; what is less well known is how they honeymooned for almost the entire month of July in Ireland.

Their travels took them through the counties of Dublin, Offaly, Clare, Kerry and Cork. Their longest sojourn being in Clare, on the River Shannon and at the famous Victorian Irish watering place of Kilkee.

Join award winning writer and author of *Charlotte & Arthur*, Pauline Clooney, as she takes you back in time, through visuals, letters and extracts from her novel to that Summer of 1854.

Meet a Charlotte Brontë and her husband, Arthur Bell Nichols, as a married couple, a presentation of the writer seldom found in the many biographies written about her.



Pauline Clooney: A Brief Biography.

Pauline Clooney is an award-winning Irish writer. Her debut novel, *Charlotte and Arthur*, (Merdog Books, 2021) explores Charlotte Brontë's marriage and honeymoon in Ireland, a story previously untold. Drawing on her MLitt in English from Maynooth University, where her thesis was entitled *Demythologising Charlotte Brontë: An Exploration of the Genesis and Evolution of the Author*, Pauline's work has garnered acclaim, including reviews in *Brontë Studies* and the *Irish Literary Supplement* and the annual journal of the Japan Brontë Society.

In 2023, she was a keynote speaker for the Brontë Society of Northern Ireland, and she is a founding member of the Banagher Brontë Group.

An award-winning short story writer, her most recent achievement was winning the Dingle Literary Festival competition in 2024, earning a residency at the Tyrone Guthrie Artists Retreat. She is also part of the Freedom to Write project, collaborating with writers across Ireland.

Pauline is currently working on a short story collection and a novel about W. B. Yeats, while teaching creative writing at her Kildare Writing Centre and Carlow College. More about her writing can be found on her website: <https://paulineclooney.com/>