

# WHO WAS JAMES JOYCE?

*"I've put in so many enigmas and puzzles that Ulysses will keep the professors busy for centuries arguing over what I meant"*

JAMES JOYCE IS ONE OF IRELAND'S GREATEST WRITERS. HE WAS BORN IN DUBLIN IN 1881. HE LEFT DUBLIN IN 1904 BUT THE CITY NEVER LEFT JAMES' HEART. AS A WRITER HE BASED HIS CHARACTERS ON THE PEOPLE HE KNEW IN DUBLIN, NAMING HIS FIRST PUBLISHED BOOK SIMPLY *DUBLINERS*. IN 1922 HE PUBLISHED *ULYSSES*, A NOVEL THAT WOULD CHANGE THE WAY BOOKS ARE WRITTEN AND READ. THE NOVEL IS SET IN DUBLIN ON JUNE THE 16TH 1904 AND FOCUS ON LEOPOLD BLOOM'S WALKS AROUND THE CITY. JOYCE'S LIFE AND WORKS ARE CELEBRATED EACH YEAR ON JUNE THE 16TH - WHICH HIS NATIVE CITY HAS NAMED BLOOMSDAY IN HONOUR OF LEOPOLD BLOOM, THE MAIN CHARACTER IN *ULYSSES*.

