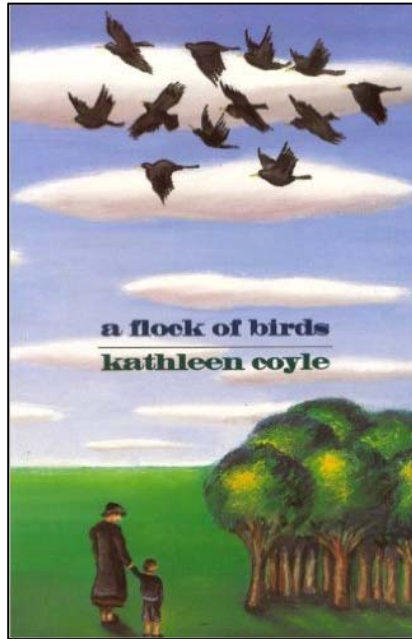


## HIDDEN GEMS AND FORGOTTEN PEOPLE



### **KATHLEEN COYLE (1883-1952)**

Born in Londonderry, Coyle became lame as the result of an accident when she was three and had to wear a built-up shoe. When she was still a young woman the family house burned down and she moved to Liverpool with her mother and one of her brothers. She worked there in a library, and then in an editor's office in London. Later she travelled in Belgium and in Paris - where she knew the Joyces - before moving to Dublin and taking part in the labour and women's suffrage movements.

Coyle published thirteen novels, one of which - *The French Husband* - was composed in eleven days. Her best-known publications are two volumes of autobiography, *A Flock Of Birds* and *The Magical Realm*, which deal with her childhood in Derry.

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