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# Patrick: Patron Saint Of Ireland



## Synopsis

The story of Patrick's life, from his noble birth in Britain, to his being captured and taken to Ireland by a group of bandits, to the "dreams" that led him to convert the Irish people to the Christian faith. DePaola also retells several well-known legends, including the story of how Patrick got rid of all the snakes in Ireland.

## Book Information

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Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

Fans of the prolific dePaola's heartfelt celebrations of religious themes will welcome this handsome picture-book biography. His signature style is well showcased here and, as he did in *The Lady of Guadalupe*, dePaola effectively integrates both the tones and design elements of (in this case) Celtic art into his renderings. As with his pictorial biography *Francis: The Poor Man of Assisi*, dePaola succeeds in placing a near-mythic religious figure within a historic context and successfully relates the familiar and not-so-familiar details of his life: Patrick was of British (although when it was a part of the Holy Roman Empire), not Celtic, ancestry; March 17 is the date of his death, not of his birth. Readers will particularly enjoy the addition of five legends about St. Patrick, including the snakes and the shamrock. This well-designed entry has perennial appeal. Ages 4-8. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

PreSchool-Grade 4-- For answering requests for information about St. Patrick, this is the ideal book to replace a page in the encyclopedia or a pictureless chapter in a musty old book of saints. The story opens with his kidnapping as a boy and youth as a slave in Ireland, and recounts his escape to his family in Britain, the inspiring vision that led him to return as Ireland's first bishop, and the spread of Christianity on the Emerald Isle under his leadership. dePaola's palette is dominated by earth and moss tones, and works to convey a distinctly Celtic flavor. An arresting use of space runs the gamut from double-page spreads to half-page illustrations. This constantly shifting balance of art and text adds action to the tale. The book concludes with a collection of one-page vignettes describing a few colorful legends about St. Patrick. This approach may give some readers pause as they try to distinguish between these legends and certain events in the body of the story that could also be considered legendary. Then again, this setup could be no more incongruous than the role that Patrick himself has come to play--that of folk hero and saint. This admirable picture-book offering will fill a gap in most collections. --Lisa S. Murphy, Dauphin County Library System, Harrisburg, PA  
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My kids loved reading this for St Patrick's Day! I liked the way it treated the more objective parts of his history first, and then had an added section of legends about St Patrick that included the reported miracles (like driving all the snakes out of Ireland by playing a drum). Illustrations are lovely, as I would expect from de Paola, and text is excellent for kids. My daughter keeps asking to re-read it.

First of all let me say that I am biased because I LOVE Tomie de Paola's books. All of them. My kids have them and we have read them again and again over the years. Love the illustrations and the true stories that he tells. I ordered this as a first communion gift for my sweet neighbor boy Paddy, who is named after St. Patrick. He loved it and his parents loved it. What a special little book! It's paperback but still very nice.

Brought this book to share with my children and their classmates prior to St. Patrick's Day. Tomie dePaola is a wonderful author and illustrator and I try to purchase all of his books, especially the ones with religious themes. This is a good book that gives more information about St. Patrick and keeps the kids attention with the clear text and beautiful illustrations.

Beautiful pictures and wonderful story to share with my three year old for many years to come!

We are taking my daughter and grandchildren to Ireland and I wanted them to know a little about the country

Very disappointed in quality of book. Pages fell out upon the very first reading of the book. I gave it as a birthday gift on St Pat day and read it to my grandson.

I'm a huge dePaola fan and we LOVE this book....however, I read the book once to my children and the book completely fell apart. The binding is worthless. I'd suggest trying to find a copy of this book in hardback or get it used, because the newest paperback version is terrible and will not hold together.

I learned several things that I didn't know before.

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