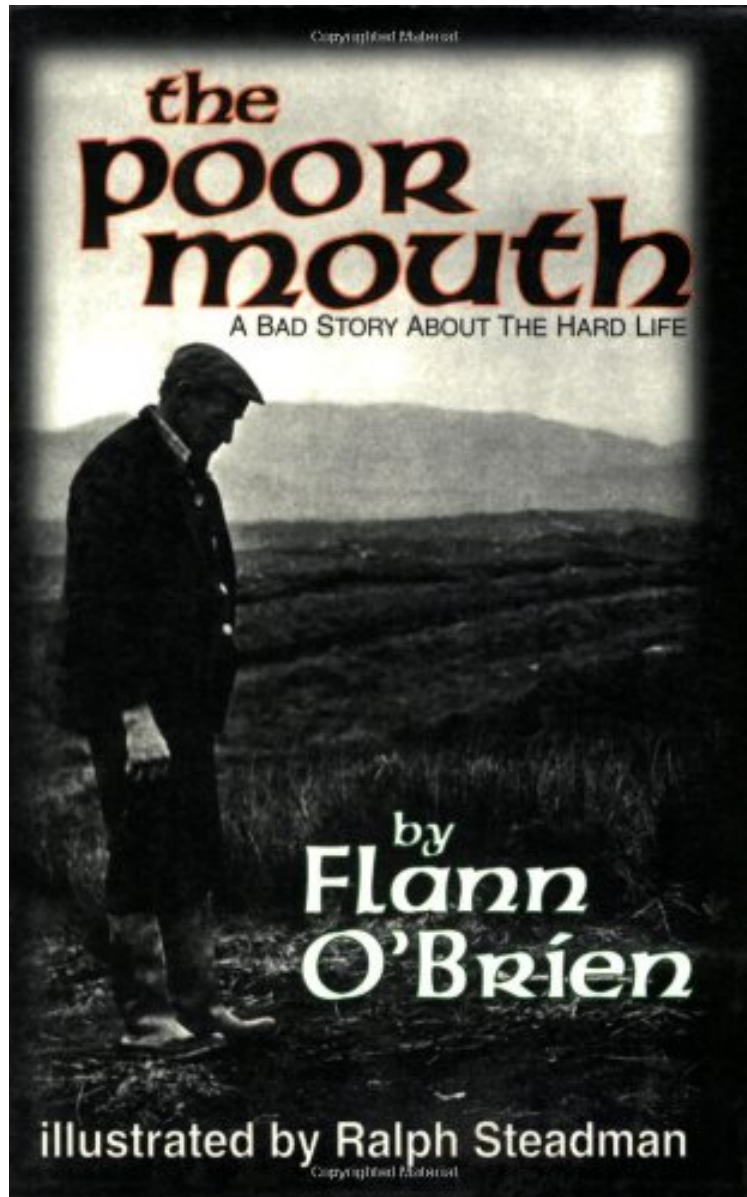


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The Poor Mouth relates the story of one Bonaparte O'Coonassa, born in a cabin in a fictitious village called Corkadoragha in western Ireland equally renowned for its beauty and the abject poverty of its residents. Potatoes constitute the basis of his family's daily fare, and they share both bed and board with the sheep and pigs. A scathing satire on the Irish, this work brought down on the author's head the full wrath of those who saw themselves as the custodians of Irish language and tradition when it was first published in Gaelic in 1941.

From Library JournalO'Brien's wicked satire on the life of Irish peasant Bonaparte O'Coonassa was published in Gaelic in 1941 and translated into English in 1964. This edition contains illustrations by Ralph Steadman. A good companion to the MacNamara novel reviewed above.Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. O'Brien was one of the comic geniuses of the 20th century... The Poor Mouth is wildly funny and Steadman's drawings catch the spirit. (Boston Globe)A real writer, with the true comic spirit. (James Joyce)The Poor Mouth sent me into fits of giddiness. (James Finn Garner, author of Politically Correct Bedtime Stories)Language NotesText: English (translation)