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This is the first comprehensive, scholarly history of Trinity College Library Dublin. It covers the whole 400 years of the Library's development, from its foundation by James Ussher in the seventeenth century to the electronic revolution of the twenty-first century. Particular attention is given to the buildings and to the politics involved in obtaining funding for them, as well as to the acquisition of the great treasures, such as the Book of Kells and the libraries of Ussher, Claudius Gilbert and Hendrik Fagel. An important aspect is the comprehensive coverage of legal deposit from the beginning of the nineteenth century, viewed for the first time from the Irish perspective. The book also draws parallels with the development of other libraries in Dublin and with those of the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and features throughout the individuals who influenced the Library's development – librarians, politicians, readers, book collectors and book thieves.

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Abbott, <i>Incunabula</i>	T. K. Abbott, <i>Catalogue of fifteenth-century books in the Library of Trinity College, Dublin, and in Marsh's Library, Dublin, with a few from other collections</i> (Dublin: Hodges Figgis, 1905)
Abbott, <i>Manuscripts</i>	T. K. Abbott, <i>Catalogue of the manuscripts in the Library of Trinity College, Dublin; to which is added a list of the Fagel collection of maps in the same library</i> (Dublin: Hodges Figgis, 1900)
Abbott and Gwynn	T. K. Abbott and E. J. Gwynn, <i>Catalogue of the Irish manuscripts in the Library of Trinity College, Dublin</i> (Dublin: Hodges Figgis, 1921)
<i>Annual Bulletin</i>	<i>Annual Bulletin of the Friends of the Library of Trinity College, Dublin</i>
Annual Report	Annual Report, Trinity College Library Dublin (MUN/LIB/32/177–8)
BA	Bachelor of Arts
BL	British Library
Boran, 'Libraries'	Elizabethanne Boran, 'Libraries and learning: the early history of Trinity College Dublin from 1592 to 1641' (unpublished Ph.D. thesis, University of Dublin, 1995)
BNB	British National Bibliography
<i>Cambridge history</i>	<i>The Cambridge history of libraries in Britain and Ireland</i> , 3 vols. (Cambridge University Press, 2006)
Colker	Marvin L. Colker, <i>Trinity College Library Dublin: descriptive catalogue of the mediaeval and renaissance Latin manuscripts</i> (Aldershot: Scolar, 1991)
<i>Commons In Ireland</i>	<i>The journals of the House of Commons of the Kingdom of Ireland</i> , 19 vols. (Dublin: George Grierson, 1795–1800)
Craster	Sir Edmund Craster, <i>History of the Bodleian Library, 1845–1945</i> (Oxford: Bodleian Library, 1952)
CUA ULIB	Cambridge University Archives, Archives of Cambridge University Library
<i>Decantations</i>	Agnes Bernelle, ed., <i>Decantations: a tribute to Maurice Craig</i> (Dublin: Lilliput Press, 1992)
<i>DU Calendar</i>	<i>The Dublin University Calendar, 1833–</i>

DU Commission	<i>Report of Her Majesty's Commissioners appointed to inquire into the state, discipline, studies and revenues of the University of Dublin, and of Trinity College, together with Appendices containing Evidence, Suggestions and Correspondence</i> , [1637], 1852–3, XLV, 1
EPB	Early Printed Books Department
<i>Essays</i>	Vincent Kinane and Anne Walsh, eds., <i>Essays on the history of Trinity College Library Dublin</i> (Dublin: Four Courts Press, 2000)
Harris	P. R. Harris, <i>A history of the British Museum Library 1753–1973</i> (London: British Library, 1998)
HC	House of Commons
HEA	Higher Education Authority
HL	House of Lords
HMC	Historical Manuscripts Commission
HMSO	Her (His) Majesty's Stationery Office
Holland	C. H. Holland, ed., <i>Trinity College Dublin and the idea of a university</i> (Dublin: Trinity College Dublin Press, 1991)
<i>Irish book</i>	Raymond Gillespie and Andrew Hadfield, eds., <i>The Irish book in English 1550–1800</i> (Oxford University Press, 2006) <i>The Oxford history of the Irish book</i> , vol. III
JRSAI	<i>Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland</i>
<i>Kells facsimile</i>	Peter Fox, ed., <i>The Book of Kells: MS 58, Trinity College Library, Dublin</i> (Luzern: Faksimile Verlag, 1990)
<i>Lords Jn Ireland</i>	<i>Journals of the House of Lords [of Ireland]</i> , 8 vols. (Dublin: William Sleater, 1779–1800)
MA	Master of Arts
McDonnell and Healy	Joseph McDonnell and Patrick Healy, <i>Gold-tooled bookbindings commissioned by Trinity College Dublin in the eighteenth century</i> (Leixlip: Irish Georgian Society, 1987)
McDowell and Webb	R. B. McDowell and D. A. Webb, <i>Trinity College Dublin, 1592–1952: an academic history</i> (Cambridge University Press, 1982)
McKitterick	David McKitterick, <i>Cambridge University Library: a history; the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries</i> (Cambridge University Press, 1986)
Mahaffy, <i>Epoch</i>	John Pentland Mahaffy, <i>An epoch in Irish history: Trinity College, Dublin, its foundation and early fortunes, 1591–1660</i> (London: Fisher Unwin, 1903)
MP	Member of Parliament

MS	Manuscript (MS numbers quoted are from Trinity College Library unless otherwise indicated)
MUN	Muniment (Trinity College Dublin archives)
NAI	National Archives of Ireland
NLI	National Library of Ireland
<i>Old Library</i>	W. E. Vaughan, ed., <i>The Old Library, Trinity College Dublin: 1712–2012</i> (Dublin: Four Courts Press, 2013)
Partridge	R. C. Barrington Partridge, <i>The history of the legal deposit of books throughout the British Empire</i> (London: Library Association, 1938)
<i>Proc. RIA</i>	<i>Proceedings of the Royal Irish Academy</i>
PRONI	Public Record Office of Northern Ireland
RIA	Royal Irish Academy
RUL	Reading University Library
SCONUL	Standing Conference of National and University Libraries [of the United Kingdom and Ireland]
Smyly	J. G. Smyly, 'The Old Library: extracts from the Particular Book', <i>Hermathena</i> , 49 (1935), 166–83
<i>Tanner letters</i>	Charles McNeill, ed., <i>The Tanner letters . . . extracted from the collection in the Bodleian Library, Oxford</i> (Dublin: Irish Manuscripts Commission, 1943)
TCD	Trinity College Dublin
TD	Teachta Dála (member of Dáil Éireann)
TNA	The National Archives [of the United Kingdom]
<i>Trans. RIA</i>	<i>Transactions of the Royal Irish Academy</i>
<i>Treasures</i>	Peter Fox, ed., <i>Treasures of the Library: Trinity College Dublin</i> (Dublin: Royal Irish Academy, 1986)