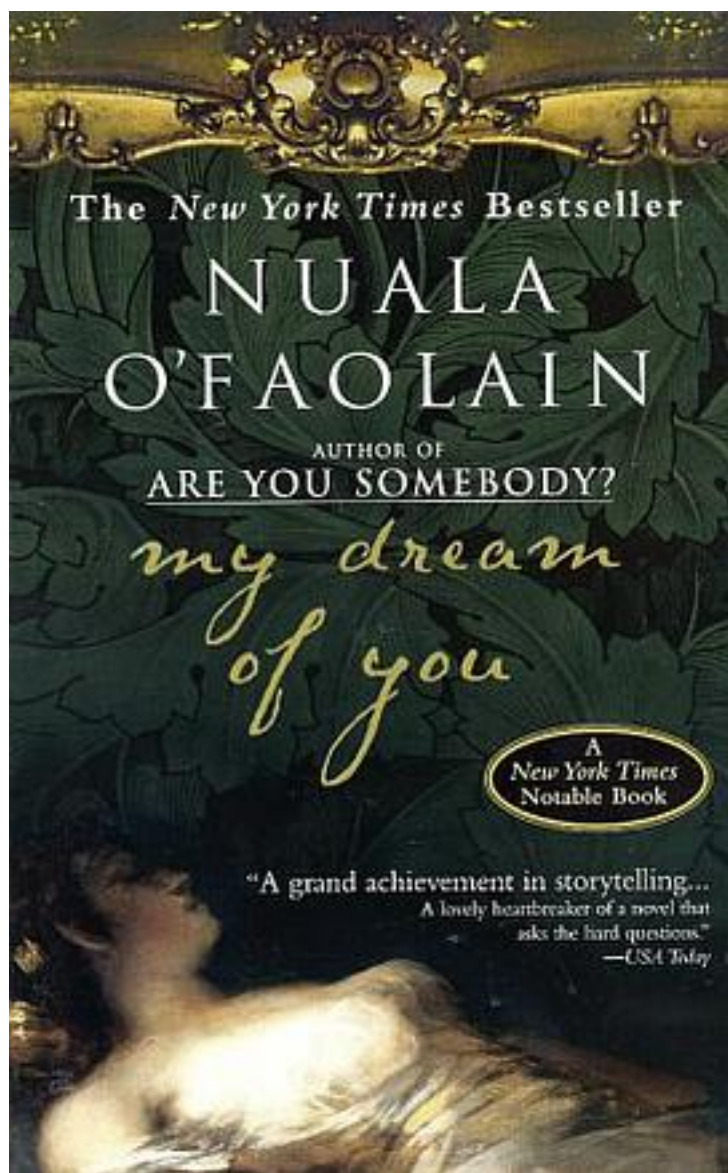


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The greatly anticipated first novel by the author of the number-one New York Times bestseller *Are You Somebody?*: a novel within a novel, a love story within a love story, an historical story within a contemporary one. Hailed by critics ("A beautiful exploration of human loneliness and happiness, of contentment and longing," wrote Alice McDermott in *The Washington Post*) and embraced by legions of readers, Nuala O Faolain's memoir *Are You Somebody?* introduced a writer of exceptional insight, honesty, and compassion. These same gifts are evident in O Faolain's grand first novel that tells of parallel lives, one hundred fifty years apart, driven by a hunger for passionate love. *My Dream of You* is the story of Kathleen de Burca, an Irish woman based in London, a travel writer who crisscrosses the globe. She is a woman on the run until a quick series of blows, on the eve of a milestone birthday, stops her cold-revealing the painful cost of her refugee existence and the encroaching despair that the love she believed would deliver her might never come. And still, she feels, her heart is ridiculously alive. . . . And so it is to passion that Kathleen turns when she sets out for Ireland to investigate the true story of a scandalous affair between the wife of an English landlord and an Irish servant during the latter years of the Famine. Between the lines of the historical record and through a reconsideration of the family she fled so long ago, Kathleen attempts to understand how it is that even in the face of adversity love can prevail and even with love families can be torn apart. During her time in the country, she encounters a lover of her own who helps her to know her own heart and presents her with an ultimate choice that, like the one made by her nineteenth-century lovers, promises to alter the course of her life. *My Dream of You* is a singular achievement: a feeling and captivating work that explores the extremes of passion, the depths of loneliness, and the resilience of the human heart.

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