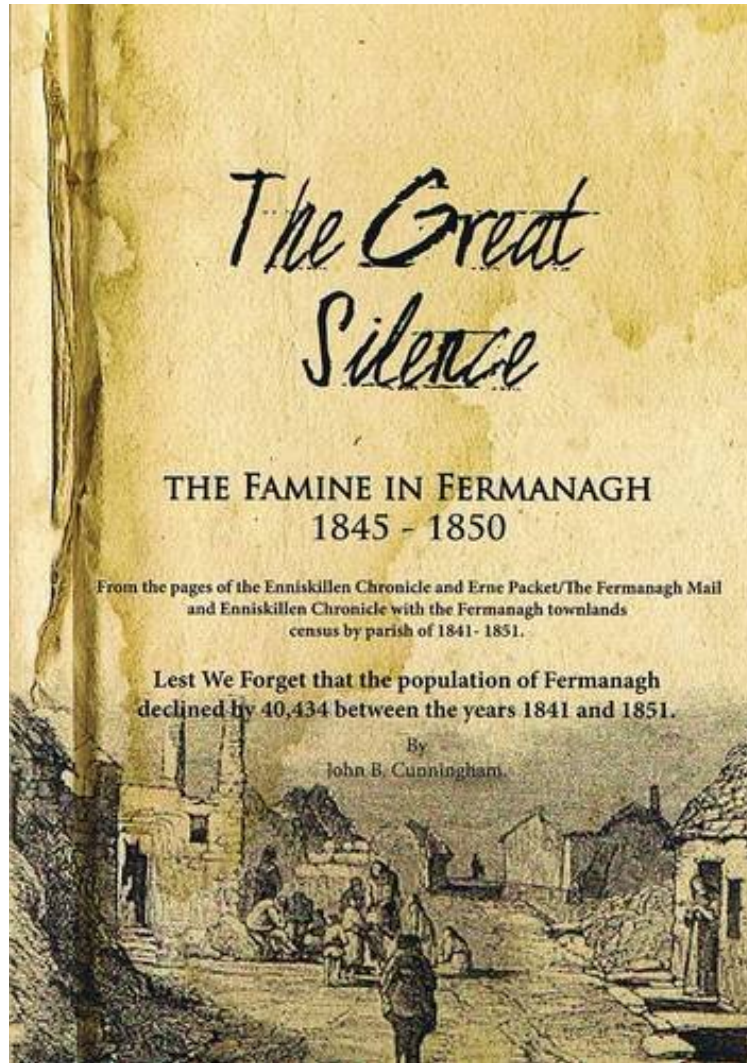


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anecdote, and culture. I have become fascinated by the book myself, and all that it has to tell about Irish history, and the Great Famine, through first-hand accounts. Well done; this was a great find for us!

The Great Silence - The Famine in Fermanagh 1845 - 1850. This book, from the pen of Fermanagh's most prolific living historian, John B. Cunningham, chronicles the famine in the context of its time, using first-hand accounts and reports from the files of the local newspapers. The effect of the crisis on Ireland caused approximately one million deaths and another million emigrant refugees and spurred a century-long population decline. During the ten years, 1841 to 1851; Fermanagh lost 40,434 or 25% of her people which is a figure more than two thirds of the entire population of the county today. Fermanagh's population crashed from 160,000 to 120,000. The title of the "Great Silence" encapsulates - the Great Physical Silence which followed the Great Hunger. It was a dismal scene to survey empty cottages and untilled fields. The second Great Silence is that of the guilty and greedy, the profiteering merchants, farmers, landlords, shippers, the vilifying English press and the murderous indifference of Government. Not many of these want to talk about the famine or recognise its terrible legacy. Some who profited from the misfortunes of those around them during those years have good reason for wanting it forgotten. And there is a third Great Silence born of a condition of the mind known as non-rational guilt. Victims burdened with non-rational guilt have not earned this guilt through their own wrongdoing but feel the guilt of survivors - why not me too when others I knew perished. In these pages we hear the voices of the people of the time tell of life and how it was in the words of the time in a local Fermanagh newspaper with items from English newspapers and from other parts of Ireland. Profusely illustrated the book contains the Fermanagh townland census figures for 1841 and 1851.