



Series B £1 Note

This is a transcript of text in the video titled “Series B £1 Note”.

Queen Medb (Maeve), the fabled Queen of Connacht in Irish mythology, features on the series B one pound note. One of the most well-known stories surrounding Queen Medb is the Cattle Raid of Cooley where her army comes face to face with another famous figure from Irish mythology, the demigod Cú Chulainn.

An interesting feature on the banknote is this swirling design next to Queen Medb, which was found on a bone shard in one of the Loughcrew Cairns in County Meath, and is now held in the collections of the National Museum of Ireland.

Lastly, on the reverse of the banknote, we have an excerpt taken from the Lebor na hUidre, or The Book of the Dun Cow, written in Irish at Clonmacnoise. It is the earliest surviving manuscript with literature written in Irish, and it contains the oldest version of the story of the Cattle Raid of Cooley, as well as other religious, mythical and historical material. It is currently housed in the Royal Irish Academy in Dublin.

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