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As its title suggests, The Journey provides a comprehensive study on the voyage from Ireland to Australia made by over 4,100 young Irish orphan women. It includes the background to the founding of the scheme, the selection of the young women, the trials and tribulations they faced on their voyages to the far side of the earth, and details of the ships in which they sailed, including several ships which were not identified as 'Irish orphan ships.'

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