



Game of Thrones® is an American fantasy drama television series created by David Benioff and D. B. Weiss. It is an adaptation of A Song of Ice and Fire, George R. R. Martin's series of fantasy novels, the first of which is titled A Game of Thrones. It is filmed at Titanic Studios in Belfast and on location elsewhere in Northern Ireland, as well as in Croatia, Iceland, Malta, Morocco, Spain, Scotland, and the United States.

To celebrate the release of Season 6, The Northern Ireland Tourist Board in conjunction with Royal Mail produced a range of authentic, limited edition Game of Thrones® Smilers® stamps. These were exclusively available from the Belfast Visitors Centre. Apparently they were given away free to visitors and released one design per week, following the transmission of each new episodes of the latest series.

I am reliably informed that all stocks have been exhausted and unless you happened to be a philatelist visiting Belfast on holiday, some time between April and July, it is highly unlikely that you would have had an opportunity to get your hands on any of this enigmatic issue!

Here is a mock-up of what the sheet of stamps must have looked like and the individual designs released each week.

