

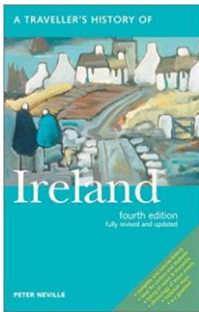


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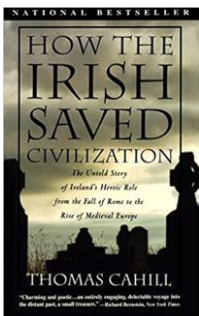
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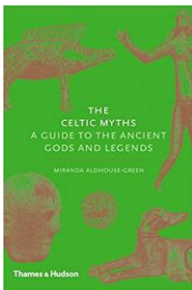
A Traveler's History of Ireland by Peter Neville:

From the Celts to the Norman invasions to modern-day Ireland, this short history is highly recommended for those who would like a brief overview of the Emerald Isle through the centuries.



How the Irish Saved Civilization by Thomas Cahill:

This bestselling history tells the generally unknown story of Ireland's preservation of classical learning in the Dark Ages, revealing how the saints and scholars, monks and scribes labored to reproduce the important texts that spread as they evangelized Europe. In this entertaining and compelling narrative, Thomas Cahill tells the story of how Europe evolved from the classical age of Rome to the medieval era. Without Ireland, the transition could not have taken place.



The Celtic Myths: A guide to the Ancient Gods and Legends by Miranda Aldhouse-Green:

A vivid introduction to Irish and Welsh folklore. Outlining recurring motifs and characters alongside quotes, full-text stories, notes on the region's archaeological finds and plenty of two-color illustrations. Besides vividly retelling the tales, Miranda Aldhouse-Green brings her expertise in the archaeology of the Iron Age and particularly shamanism to bear on the mythical world she describes, with evidence as diverse as the Gundestrup Cauldron and the famous bog bodies.



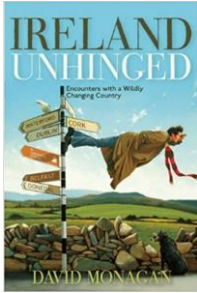
Irish Fairy and Folks Tales by William Butler Yeats:

Edited by the Nobel Prize-winning poet who spearheaded the Celtic Renaissance in the early 20th century, these enchanting stories introduce a cast of changelings, ghosts, mermaids, demons, saints, priests and fairies.



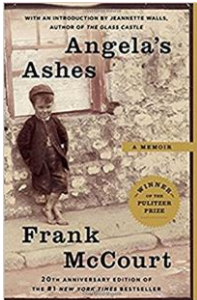
McCarthy's Bar: A Journey of Discovery in Ireland by Pete McCarthy:

In McCarthy's Bar, the author's journey begins in Cork and continues along the west coast to Donegal in the north. Traveling through spectacular landscapes, but always obeying the rule, "never pass a bar that has your name on it," he encounters McCarthy's bars up and down the land, meeting fascinating people before pleading to be let out at four o'clock in the morning.



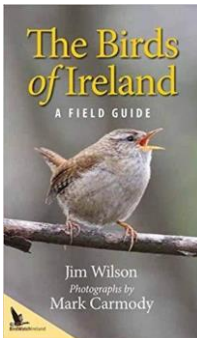
Ireland Unhinged: Encounters with a Wildly Changing Country by David Monagan:

Seeking the essence of Irish identity, American transplant David Monagan travels the length and width of Eire to explain the people's mirth, soulfulness and eccentricities that endure despite the country's recent economic collapse.



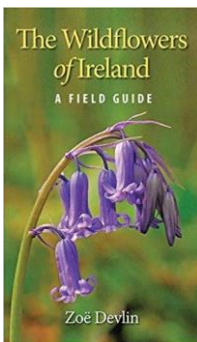
Angela's Ashes: A Memoir by Frank McCourt:

A memoir of Frank McCourt, born in Depression-era Brooklyn to recent Irish immigrants and raised in the slums of Limerick, Ireland. Wearing rags for diapers, begging a pig's head for Christmas dinner and gathering coal from the roadside to light a fire, Frank endures poverty, near-starvation and the casual cruelty of relatives and neighbors--yet lives to tell his tale with eloquence, exuberance and remarkable forgiveness.



The Birds of Ireland: A Field Guide by Jim Wilson:

A complete guide to more than 240 species of birds found in Ireland, featuring over 1,400 photographs, identification features and concise descriptions.



The Wildflowers of Ireland: A Field Guide by Zoë Devlin:

from insect-eating sundews to humble harebells, this lavishly illustrated guide features over 530 of the wildflowers of Ireland with more than 1,200 of the author's photographs. In easily understood terminology, focus is put on the main identifying features of each plant, by color, size, shape of flower, leaf, habitat, flowering season, and where in Ireland it might be found.