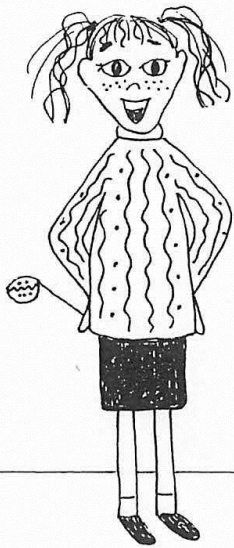


Kate's  
IRELAND  
A TRIVIAL Q&A



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June 2011 my husband Denny and I took a wonderful trip to Ireland with the help of Penn State's Department of Global Studies, the United Museums and Castles and Grove to and has great people. I wrote this book so that my students could learn some of what I've learned.



**FAILTE!**  
That means WELCOME  
in Ireland.

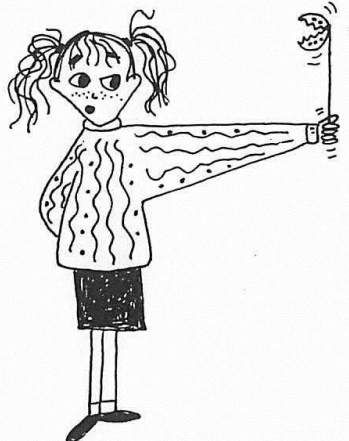
My name is Kate.  
I live in Ireland  
with Gran. I  
helped make  
this ABC book.

The places we had read about. I learned so much from it. And his ancestors and mine came from Ireland. Hello lobsters and McIlharrons! Susan R. McIlharron Shaffer.

I took my puppet claw with me to Ireland. Everyone at my school knows claw. He was only a little naughty on the trip when he got back he made a PowerPoint on his adventures. Find it at <http://cgs.psu.edu/authenticmaterials.shtm>

This is my lobster puppet claw. He is visiting from America. I can make claw talk when I squeeze his toe.

HELLO. HOW. ARE. YOU ?  
MY. NAME. IS. CLAW.  
I. AM. A. PUPPET.



Put me down.  
PUT ME DOWN.

Claw's ancestors and mine came from Ireland. Hello lobsters and McIlharrons! Susan R. McIlharron Shaffer.

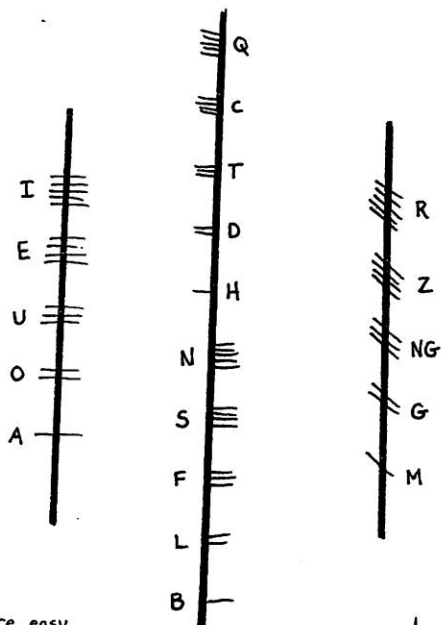


Now where did Claw go?  
Oh well.  
Time to start.



Many people have Ancestors that lived in Ireland.  
My great great grandlobster came from the Irish Sea.

This is an  
**ALPHABET** book about  
Ireland. People in Ireland didn't always use  
this alphabet. Long ago they used Ogham.



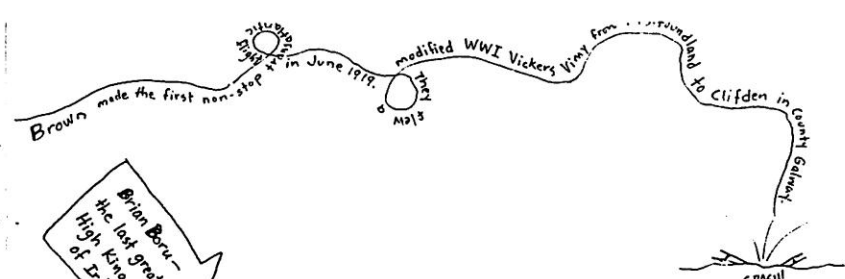
Ogham letters are easy to make because they are made with straight lines. They could be hacked in tree trunks or carved in stone. Some people used ogham with Gaelic/Irish or Latin.

I use Ogham to write in English.



Start at the **BOTTOM** to write vertically or

start at the left to write horizontally.



A **BOG** is land made of decaying plants. It can feel bouncy when you walk on it. The soil in a bog is called **PEAT**. People dig up chunks of peat (**TURF**), dry them and burn them to get heat.



Burning peat has blue smoke and no sparks.

"Bally" means "Place of." There are bunches of places in Ireland that start with Bally.

If you weren't so **BALLYMENA** with your **BALLYMONEY** you'd have a **BALLYHOME** like a **BALLYCASTLE!**



Also called the 12 Bens.



Don't forget **Bed and Breakfast!** I had an Irish breakfast with beans and bacon and eggs and tomatoes and mushrooms and scones and juice and tea. **BBBUB!**

**Croagh Patrick** is Saint Patrick's Holy Mountain. People climb it every day, and thousands climb it on the last day of August. People climb it in their bare feet. People climb it on sharp rocks, some people climb it in their bare feet. **Curious? Look it up!**

**Clonmacnoise.** A fern starting to grow is called a **CROZIER**. A bishop's staff is also called a crozier. **WHY?**

**Ciaran Cow.** Irish people who worshipped the sun long ago were **CELTIC CROSS**. Jesus Christ was crucified and died on a **CELTIC CROSS**. When Saint Patrick told the Irish about Jesus, he combined the two symbols into a Celtic Cross.

**Celtic Crosses** often had carvings to tell Bible stories because people couldn't read.

**Castle Cliff.** Ireland has lots of castles and cliffs. Sometimes the castles are on cliffs. One day in Dunluce Castle the kitchen fell off and landed in the sea. That happened in 1643. How long ago was that?

**Don't forget CLAW!** Claw starts with C.

## DUBLIN

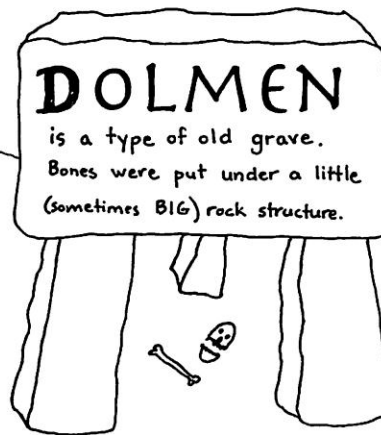
is the biggest city in Ireland.

It's known for:

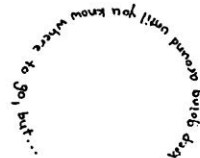
- being started by Vikings
- the first performance of Handel's Messiah
- the Guinness Brewery
- the River Liffey
- Molly Malone
- other stuff

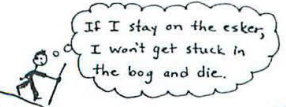


Driving tips: 1. Drive on left! 2. Drive carefully because stone walls are very close. 3. At roundabouts, you know where to go, but... your car! 4. Don't get dizzy. That's dangerous!

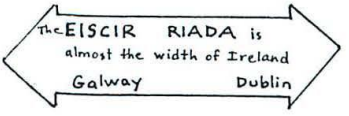


Why is County **DOWN** in Northern Ireland? Is there a County **UP** in the South?





**Esker:** a long, winding ridge of sand and gravel, especially one separating flat or depressed surfaces. Eskers are formed by streams inside glaciers. "Eske" comes from the old Irish word "eiscir."



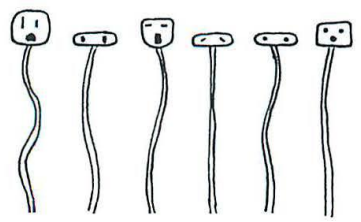
**EIRE**

and

**EMERALD ISLE**

are both names for Ireland.

**E**lectricity is not the same around the world. If you travel with appliances that use electricity, you'll need to have special adapters for your plugs.



My hairdryer blew up when I used it in Ireland. I don't know why I brought it. I don't have any hair.

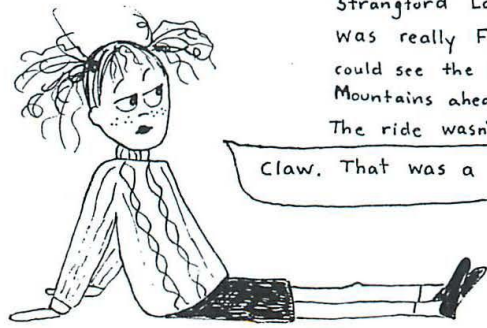


People sometimes tie rags to hawthorne trees to honor the fairies. These rag trees are often near holy wells and are supposed to keep the fairies happy

because the **FAIRY FOLK**

can be **TROUBLE** when they're not happy.

A **FAIRY** gave me a ride across the entrance to Strangford Lough. It was really **FUN!** I could see the Carlingford Mountains ahead of me. The ride wasn't **FREE** though.



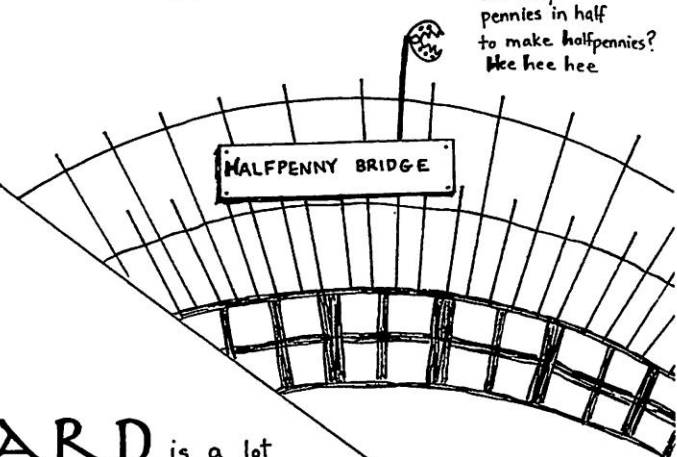
Claw. That was a **FERRY**.

Oh. Oops.

THOUSANDS of years ago,  
 people made flat gold necklaces  
 called lunulae and twisted gold  
 necklaces called torcs. Many of them  
 were buried.



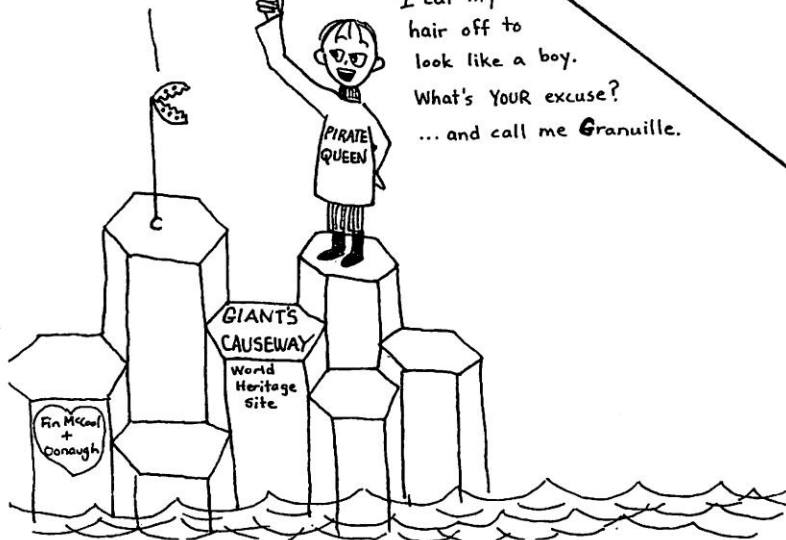
HUNDREDS and HUNDREDS of years ago,  
 people made gold bells and gold book covers  
 and gold brooches and gold goblets and gold  
 plates and gold chalices and other gold  
 things. When enemies were coming,  
 people buried their **GOLD**.



Hey Grace O'Malley!  
 You don't have much hair!



I cut my hair off to look like a boy.  
 What's YOUR excuse?  
 ... and call me Granuille.



A **HOARD** is a lot of buried gold. After the battles with their enemies, the gold was sometimes forgotten because dead people can't dig up gold.

**HENGE**: a prehistoric circle made of upright stones or wood.

Dig? DIG ?!!  
 I LOVE to dig!  
 I'll dig up the gold!



Actually, I'm from the government and I say you may NOT dig. We'll let the archaeologists do that.









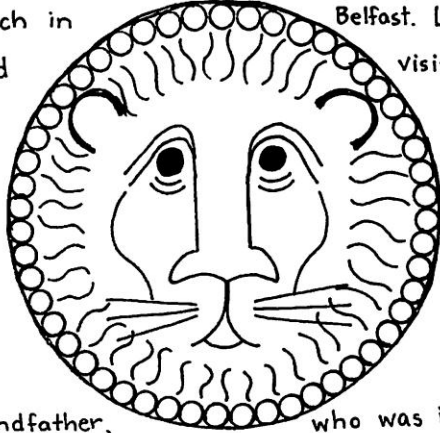
C.S. Lewis's childhood home,

**LITTLE LEA**

was in the Strandtown area of Belfast. He used to play in the attic among the cisterns and wrote and illustrated stories about a place called Animal-Land.

## C.S. LEWIS'S LION,

Aslan, may have been inspired by the door-knob on his grandfather's study in St. Mark's church in Belfast. Lewis loved visiting his



grandfather, who was in charge of building the church. The lion doorknob was at a five year old's eye level.

A sculpture in memory of C.S. "Jack" Lewis can be found in Strandtown.

"Some of the greatest things are found in most ordinary places, like a wardrobe."



## MONKS AT A MONASTERY



A monastery is a community of monks.

1. Monk ringing bell to call for prayer
2. Monk praying
3. Monk milking a cow
4. Monk illuminating a manuscript

A monk is a man set apart to serve God.

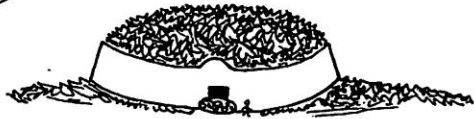
1. Monk's tonsure - head shaved on top
2. Monk's cassock - full length religious garment
3. Monk's belt
4. Monk's sandals

Give me a torch and I'll illuminate a manuscript!





# NEWGRANGE



Newgrange is one of many stone age tombs in Ireland. Historians think that Newgrange was built around 5000 years ago. That makes it older than Stonehenge or the Great Pyramid of Giza.

On the day of the Winter Solstice, sunlight shines up the passage to the center of the tomb for 17 minutes.

If you stand at the end of the passageway you can see corbelled stones stacked up on each other like this.



You can learn more about Newgrange at the **NATIONAL MUSEUM** in Dublin. You can also learn about Viking boats and chalices and croziers and swords and bows and lots of other things. The people that work there are smart and interesting.



... and some of them are bald like me.

Prehistoric people and Celts and Anglo Saxons and Romans and Vikings and British and lots of others came to settle in Ireland by traveling

## OVER THE OCEAN.












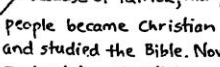

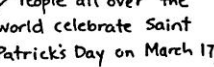
Irish missionaries and explorers (like Saint Brendan the Navigator) and Scots Irish and hungry people (The potato famine's Great Hunger was 1845-1852) and lots of others left Ireland by traveling over the ocean.

Their descendants often come back to visit.

Gran!  
I'm back!



A story of Saint  
**PATRICK**

 Patrick was kidnapped and taken to Ireland at age 15.	 He was a slave who watched sheep.	 He talked to God a lot.
 God told Patrick to escape on a ship.	 He was with his family when a dream called him back to Ireland.	 He studied the Bible and returned to Ireland.
 Patrick climbed a mountain called Croagh Patrick to pray.	 He may have used a shamrock to tell about God.	 Patrick wanted to chase the snakes devil out of Ireland.
 Because of Patrick, many people became Christian and studied the Bible. Now Ireland is called "The Land of Saints and Scholars."	 The many Celtic Crosses remind people of Patrick.	 People all over the world celebrate Saint Patrick's Day on March 17, the day Patrick died.

...QUIET.

Some places in Ireland are very quiet. It's said that Inishmore is "Ciúneas gan vaigneas," quietness without loneliness.

dinner time!



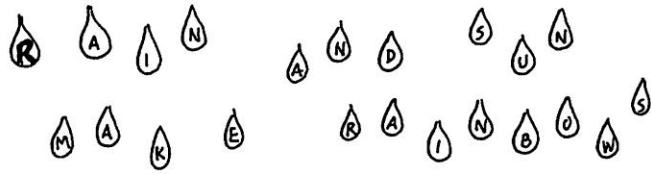
1. Fuel made from decayed plants
2. A measure of liquid, one half quart
3. A root vegetable that was an important food

A.  potato

B.  peat

C.  pint





# The RIVER SHANNON

is the longest river in Ireland. It starts in County Cavan and flows to the city of Limerick. It divides Ireland into east and west. The River Shannon doesn't drop much. It can be quite shallow. Vikings sailed up the River Shannon to raid Clonmacnoise.

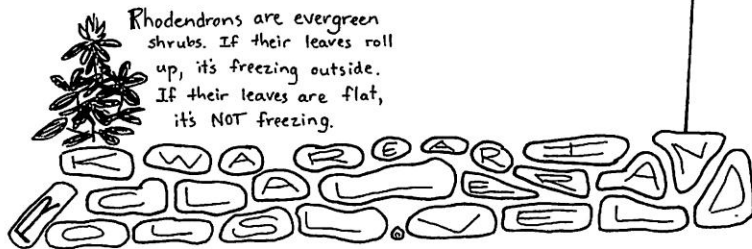
F A P A R K  
f u t h o r k

\* x l t h  
h n i a s

↑ β γ ↑ λ  
t b m l r

Runes are also made of straight lines like Ogham. Which is easier to write and remember?

If I write on Gran's wall, I might RUNE it!



Rhododendrons are evergreen shrubs. If their leaves roll up, it's freezing outside. If their leaves are flat, it's NOT freezing.

Ireland is called The Land of

**SAINTS** and **SCHOLARS**

*Saints are recognized as holy or virtuous people.*

*Scholars are experts who have studied a particular subject.*

Which is NOT a saint?

- A. Patrick
- B. Brigid
- C. Columcille
- D. Bob

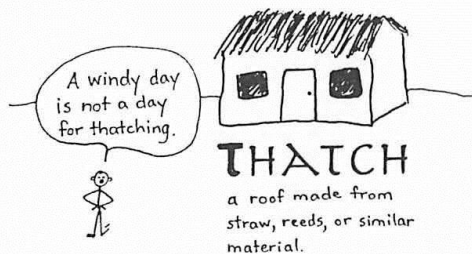


There are a lot of SHEEP in Ireland, sometimes even on the roads. If you shave the wool from a sheep, you can knit a jumper if you know how to knit!

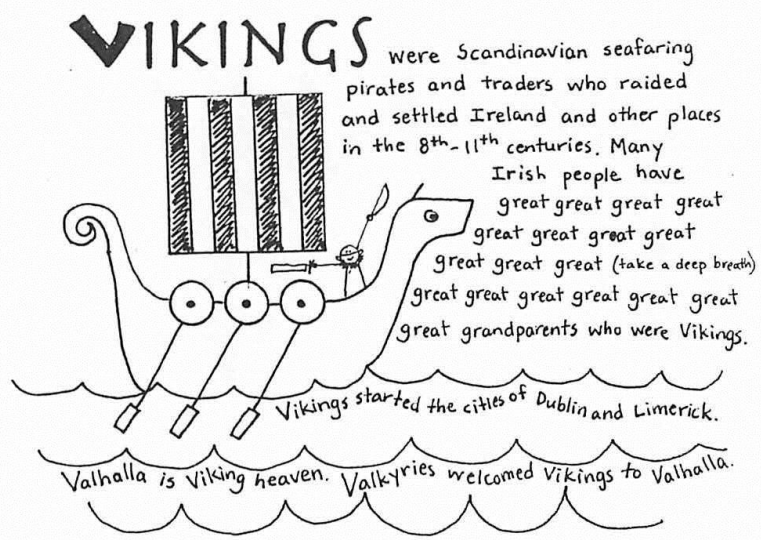
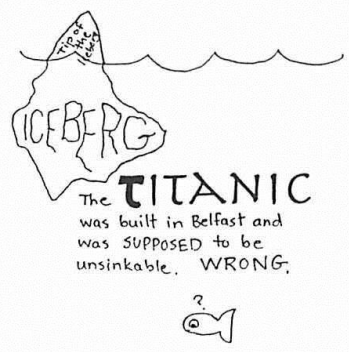
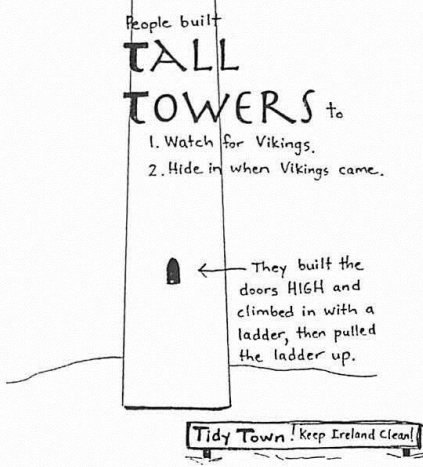
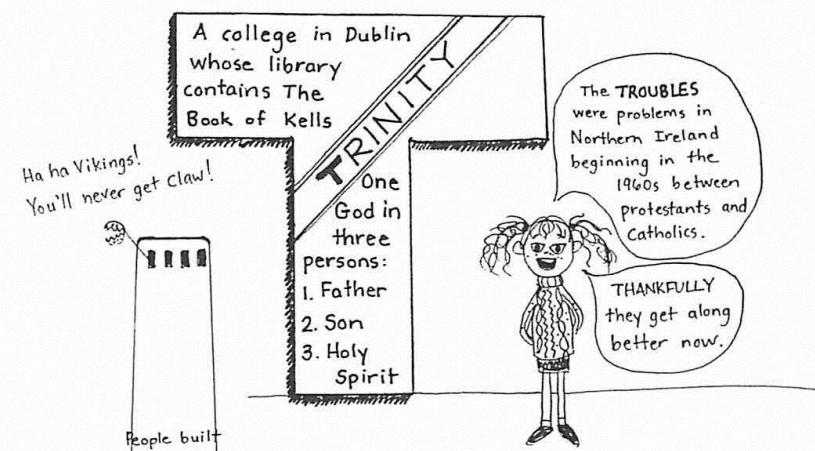


Jumper? I call that a SWEATER. When I sneak up behind a sleeping sheep and SHOUT... that's a jumper!

No snakes.



**ULSTER** is a former province of Ireland made up of nine counties. Now it often means the country of Northern Ireland.



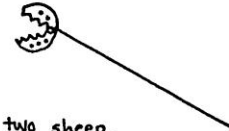
# WEATHER.

Almost every conversation starts with weather.

Wet, isn't it?



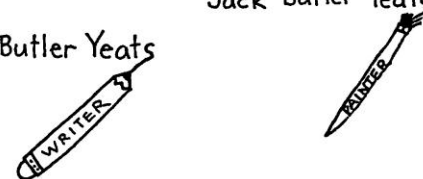
You can make an X with two pieces of turf  
 or two sticks  
 or two swords  
 or two pieces of grass  
 if the sheep don't eat them.  
 It's harder to make an X with two sheep.



# YEATS

Jack Butler Yeats

William Butler Yeats

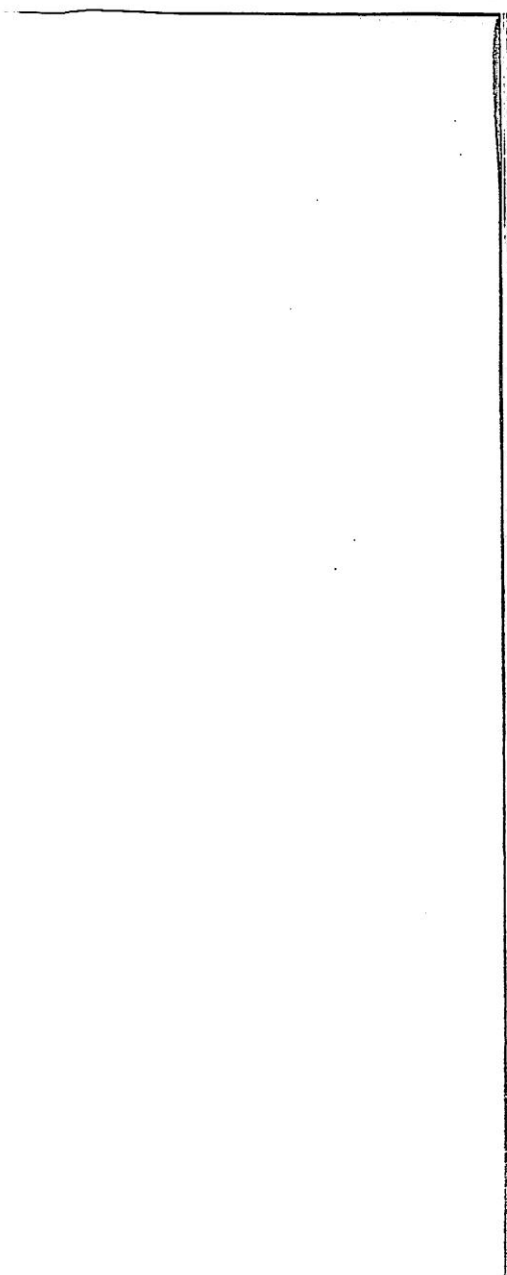


# ZILLIONS of things

are left to say about Ireland. Write some here:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

zzzzZero pages left. Goodbye!



This is the  
**BACK,**  
silly person.  
Start at the front.