

Skellig

With the release of the latest Star Wars films, the ancient monastery atop Skellig Michael has enchanted the world with its beautiful vistas and mysterious history. While much has been written about the architectural feats achieved by the monks on the lonely island, little has been discussed about the daily life of the religious hermits. What was it like 1,000 years ago? Why did the monks choose Skellig Michael? What was their spirituality like? Why did they leave and never return? In this short book, the life of these ancient monks is described and illustrated in an accessible way to those simply curious to know a little more about these mysterious hermits. What's even more surprising is how closely these monks resemble the Jedi who have brought the island to life in the latest Star Wars universe.

Life wasn't easy on Andela. If you happen to be a fire dragon, like Zeira, status in the eyes of your peers is everything. However, when you possess a unique delivery system for your pyrotechnical abilities, public gatherings become situations to avoid. When an unknown force begins to threaten the peace they have with their neighbors, Zeira decides to answer her king's call for help. After all, if she could just find herself a kai, then perhaps, with the help of her rider, she could overcome her ... disability, and earn the status she so desperately craved. The only problem was, where was she supposed to find one of the elusive bipeds? Setting out on a mission to find herself a rider, Zeira defies advice and logic and heads north, out of her home region. With the danger of Fading weighing heavily on her mind, Zeira encounters other dragons with similar plights, but nothing could prepare her for what's waiting for them out there!

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The Skellig islands are in the parish of Killemlagh.

Encyclopedia of Architectural and Engineering Feats presents more than 200 achievements in architecture and structural engineering in all the inhabited continents, from prehistory to the present. * 200+ A–Z, fully cross-referenced entries on fascinating structures such as Angkor Wat, a Cambodian temple complex that remains the largest religious monument ever constructed * A wealth of illustrations covering diverse topics such as dams, agrarian terracing, cathedrals, temples, bridges, monuments, palaces, skyscrapers, aqueducts, and highway systems * Numerous photographs of world famous structures such as the Taj Mahal and the Pont du Gard, and lesser known wonders such as Nazca Lines in Peru depicting a 300 foot long monkey * A glossary of explanations for many architectural and engineering terms used around the globe Discusses how Almond's major themes relate specifically to the development of selfhood in his adolescent characters and explores the four major themes that are evident in all of his works.

NEW EDITION 'Magic that takes you out, far out, of this time and this world.' George Bernard Shaw, after a visit to Skellig This is the story of two of the world's most stunning and unspoilt islands, Skellig Michael and Small Skellig, which lie off the coast of Kerry. Lavelle explores the extraordinary, isolated Early Christian monastic settlement with its stone 'beehive' huts. He describes the abundant bird life, including the huge colony of gannets, and tells of the history, legend, geology, plant life, the lighthouse, the seals and the underwater world. A comprehensive and accessible book on a unique and fascinating place.

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On its surface Skellig Michael reads like a fast-paced international thriller involving crimes in high office, terrorism threats, espionage, corporate takeover battles, sex, lust,

poignant romance, chase scenes, and shootouts. But readers who probe deeper may find the novel more provocative and complex than they initially thought. And in the end they may decide as the protagonists themselves do that the rocky landscape of the novel is a metaphor for life.

DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Ireland is your in-depth guide to the very best of Ireland. From touring historic castles to exploring the countryside along the mystical Ring of Kerry to drinking Guinness in Dublin's coziest pub, experience the best of what the Emerald Isle has to offer. Discover DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Ireland. + Detailed itineraries and "don't-miss" destination highlights at a glance. + Illustrated cutaway 3-D drawings of important sights. + Floor plans and guided visitor information for major museums. + Guided walking tours, local drink and dining specialties to try, things to do, and places to eat, drink, and shop by area. + Area maps marked with sights. + Detailed city map of Dublin includes street finder index for easy navigation. + Insights into history and culture to help you understand the stories behind the sights. + Hotel and restaurant listings highlight DK Choice special recommendations. With hundreds of full-color photographs, hand-drawn illustrations, and custom maps that illuminate every page, DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Ireland truly shows you what others only tell you.

Describes points of interest in each region of the country, recommends restaurants and hotels, and includes information on shopping and entertainment

This book features a cutting edge approach to the study of film adaptations of literature for children and young people, and the narratives about childhood those adaptations enact. Historically, film media has always had a partiality for the adaptation of 'classic' literary texts for children. As economic and cultural commodities, McCallum points out how such screen adaptations play a crucial role in the cultural

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reproduction and transformation of childhood and youth, and indeed are a rich resource for the examination of changing cultural values and ideologies, particularly around contested narratives of childhood. The chapters examine various representations of childhood: as shifting states of innocence and wildness, liminality, marginalisation and invisibility. The book focuses on a range of literary and film genres, from 'classic' texts, to experimental, carnivalesque, magical realist, and cross-cultural texts.

Provides summaries for old and new children's classics, such as "A Wrinkle in Time" and "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

A collection of lively, user-friendly travel guides provides accurate, up-to-date information and expert, opinionated advice on a wide range of travel destinations, landmarks, accommodations, and eateries, furnishing convenient full-color maps, quick-reference pointers, worksheets and checklists, and icons indicating child-friendly facts, travel tips and warnings, special bargains, and more.

David Almond is critically acclaimed as one of the most innovative authors writing for children and young people today. This collection of original essays by international leaders in children's literature criticism provides a theoretically-informed overview of his work as well as a fresh analysis of individual texts.

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languishes in the hospital. But Skellig is far more than he at first appears, and as he helps Michael breathe life into his tiny sister, Michael's world changes for ever . . . Skellig won the Carnegie Medal and the Whitbread Children's Book Award and is now a major Sky1 feature film, starring Tim Roth and John Simm. David Almond is also winner of the 2010 Hans Christian Andersen award. Powerful and moving - The Guardian This newly jacketed edition celebrates 15 years of this multi-award-winning novel.

Rooted in the oral traditions of cultures worldwide, fairy tales have long played an integral part in children's upbringing. Filled with gothic and fantastical elements like monsters, dragons, evil step-parents and fairy godmothers, fairy tales remain important tools for teaching children about themselves, and the dangers and joys of the world around them. In this collection of new essays, literary scholars examine gothic elements in more recent entries into the fairy tale genre—for instance, David Almond's *Skellig*, Neil Gaiman's *The Graveyard Book* and *Coraline* and Lemony Snicket's *A Series of Unfortunate Events*—exploring such themes as surviving incest, and the capture and consumption of children. Although children's literature has seen an increase in reality-based stories that allow children no room for escape from their everyday lives, these essays demonstrate the continuing importance of fairy tales in helping them live well-rounded lives.

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the lighthouse, the seals and the underwater world. There has been a huge growth in interest in these spectacular islands, driven by Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way and the filming of Star Wars. A comprehensive, accessible and beautiful book on a unique and fascinating place.

A fictionalized history of fourth-century Irish monks describes their spirituality and their influence on other areas of the world. This revision guide for Key Stage 3 English contains in-depth course coverage and advice on how to get the best results in the Year 9 National Test. It has progress check questions and exam practice questions.

In their ongoing quest to find a way to close the Eye Stones and secure the land of Ashby from time-traveling invaders, Lily Quench and her friend Dragon Queen visit a group of mysterious islands where they befriend a lighthouse keeper and find a clue in a book with magical properties. Original. Get inspired and plan your next trip with Fodor's ebook travel guide to Western Ireland and Dublin. Intelligent Planning: Discover all of the essential, up-to-date details you expect in a Fodor's guide, including Fodor's Choice dining and lodging, top experiences and attractions, and detailed planning advice. Easy Navigation for E-Readers: Whether you're reading this ebook from start to finish or jumping from chapter to chapter as you develop your itinerary, Fodor's makes it easy to find the information you need with a single touch. In addition to a traditional main table of contents for the ebook, each chapter opens with its own table of contents, making it easy to browse. Full-Color Photos and Maps: It's hard not to fall in love with Western Ireland as you flip through a vivid full-color photo album. Explore the layout of city centers and popular neighborhoods with easy-to-read full-color maps. Plus, get an overview of Irish geography with the convenient atlas at the end of the ebook. What's Covered? Get to Know Western Ireland and Dublin: The multiple

delights of Cork City make it an excellent base to explore the treasures of County Cork--from Blarney Castle to the breathtaking views over Bantry Bay. Kerry and Limerick Counties are nestled in the southwest of Ireland, with sights that top every tourist's must-see list. The most brazenly scenic coastal drive in the land, the Ring of Kerry will use up your entire flash card in a jiffy! The Gap of Dunloe lets you walk through the heart of Killarney's purple mountains and cross the glittering blue lake of Killarney. And don't forget to have your camera handy for Ireland's prettiest village, Adare. To the north lies County Clare. Set with postcard-perfect villages like Doolin, the lunar landscape of the Burren, and the towering Cliffs of Moher, County Clare is pure tourist gold. Nearby, Galway City offers a compact historic center with a lively music and pub scene. For a look at traditional Irish culture, take a trip to one of the Aran Islands in Galway Bay. With the most westerly seaboard in Europe, Connemara and County Mayo remain the most Irish part of Ireland. Connemara is an almost uninhabited landscape of misty bogland, studded with deep blue lakes under huge Atlantic skies, and distant purple hills. Outside the main towns—Castlebar and Westport—the rest of County Mayo has long empty roads leading to isolated shorelines and stunning vistas. Most travelers to Ireland will not be able to resist a stop over to Dublin, Ireland's capital, and one of Europe's most popular city-break destinations. With magnificent museums including Hugh Lane and the National Museum, Georgian architecture, and of course, hundreds of pubs, the city's pleasures are uncontainable. Note: This ebook edition includes photographs and maps that will appear on black-and-white devices but are optimized for devices that support full-color images.

"In this military technothriller / apocalyptic sci-fi novel, one man's carefully prepared plans for the security of his loved

ones is put to the test by the effects of another man's ambition for world domination. When the Nuclear Extinction War (NEW) comes, Casey Callaghan has spent a fortune in gold to finance the construction of the House On The Hill. The HOTH is a survival facility designed to stand up to the worst that humankind or nature can throw at it. Meanwhile, on the geopolitical level, an evil genius has put his plan into motion. With war on an unprecedented scale, survival has suddenly become very personal."--Publisher's website.

The landscape of Ireland is rich with ancient carved stone crosses, tomb-shrines, Romanesque churches, round towers, sundials, beehive huts, Ogham stones and other monuments, many of them dating from before the 12th century. The purpose and function of these artifacts have often been the subject of much debate. Peter Harbison proposes in this book a radical hypothesis: that a great many of these relics can be explained in terms of ecclesiastical pilgrimage. He has constructed a fascination theory about the palace of pilgrimage in the early Christian period, placing it right at the center of communal life. The monuments themselves make much better sense if it looked at in this light—as having come into existence not through the practices of ascetic monks but because of the activities of pilgrims. He begins by searching the historical sources in detail for evidence of early pilgrimage sites. By examining their monuments he projects the findings to other locations where pilgrimage has not been documented. He goes on to describe monument-types of every kind and to identify pilgrims in sculpture surviving from before AD 1200. The Dingle Peninsula in Kerry proves to be a microcosm of pilgrimage monuments, enabling the author to reconstruct a tradition of maritime pilgrimage activity up and down the west coast of Ireland. Indeed, the famous medieval traveler's tale of the fabulous voyage of the St Brendan the Navigator can now be seen as the literary expression of a

longstanding maritime pilgrimage along the Atlantic seaways of Ireland and Scotland, reaching Iceland, Greenland, and even North America.

The first complete guide-for use by adults and children-to creating fun and educational book clubs for kids. As authors of *The Book Club Cookbook*, the classic guide to integrating great food and food-related discussion into book club gatherings, Judy Gelman and Vicki Levy Krupp hear a common refrain from parents, librarians, teachers, community leaders and kids themselves: "How about writing a book for kids' book clubs?" Indeed, in recent years youth organizations, parents, libraries, schools, and our local, state, and federal governments have launched thousands of book clubs for children as a way to counter falling literacy rates and foster a love of reading. Based on surveys representing five hundred youth book clubs across the country and interviews with parents, kids, educators, and librarians, *The Kids' Book Club Book* features: _- the top fifty favorite book club reads for children ages eight to eighteen; _- ideas and advice on forming great kids' book clubs-and tips for kids who want to start their own book clubs; _- recipes, activities, and insights from such bestselling children's book authors as Christopher Paolini, Lois Lowry, Jerry Spinelli, Nancy Farmer, Christopher Paul Curtis, Andrew Clements, Laurie Halse Anderson, Norton Juster, and many others. From recipes for the Dump Punch and egg salad sandwiches included in Kate DiCamillo's *Because of Winn-Dixie* to instructionson how to make soap carvings like the ones left in the knot-hole of a tree in Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*, this book provides a bounty of ideas for making every kids' book club a success. 37 studies of the adoption of Christianity across northern Europe over1000 years, and the diverse reasons that drove the process.

There's an empty notebook lying on the table in the moonlight. It's been there for an age. I keep on saying that I'll write a journal. So I'll start right here, right now. I open the book and write the very first words: My name is Mina and I love the night. Then what shall I write? I can't just write that this happened then this happened then this happened to boring infinitum. I'll let my journal grow just like the mind does, just like a tree or a beast does, just like life does. Why should a book tell a tale in a dull straight line? And so Mina writes and writes in her notebook, and here is her journal, Mina's life in Mina's own words: her stories and dreams, experiences and thoughts, her scribbles and nonsense, poems and songs. Her vivid account of her vivid life. In this stunning book, David Almond revisits Mina before she has met Michael, before she has met Skellig. Shortlisted for the 2012 Carnegie Medal.

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whiskeys. • INSPIRATIONAL “BEST OF” LISTS identify the best things to see, do, eat, drink, and more. • MULTIPLE ITINERARIES for various trip lengths help you maximize your time. • MORE THAN 20 DETAILED MAPS help you plot your itinerary and navigate confidently. • EXPERT RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS offer options for every taste. • TRIP PLANNING TOOLS AND PRACTICAL TIPS include: guides to getting around, saving money and time, beating the crowds; and a calendar of festivals and events. • LOCAL INSIDER ADVICE tells you where to find under-the-radar gems, along with the best walking tours. • HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL OVERVIEWS add perspective and enrich your travels. • NEW FEATURES include Top Castle Hotels and Manor Houses, Best Golf Courses, What to Buy in Ireland, and new Itineraries for Ireland’s Wild Atlantic Way and Ireland’s Ancient East. • COVERS: Dublin, Belfast, Kerry, Clare, Galway, Cork, Belfast, Northern Ireland, the Aran Islands, the Ring of Kerry, The Giants Causeway, the Wild Atlantic Way, Killarney, Connemara, Trinity College, Dublin’s museums, the Book of Kells, Dingle, Donegal, Irish Castles and Monasteries, Irish Design, Irish Festivals and events, and more. ABOUT FODOR’S AUTHORS: Each Fodor’s Travel Guide is researched and written by local experts. Fodor’s has been offering expert advice for all tastes and budgets for over 80 years. Planning on visiting England? Check out Fodor’s Essential England, Fodor’s London, and Fodor’s Essential Great Britain.

Children's literature provides a medium through which

writers re-create or approximate the sensibility of a child. But what exactly is this sensibility, and how does it find creative expression in adulthood? What language can portray the seemingly untranslatable experience of a child? *The Poetics of Childhood*, winner of the 2005 International Research Society for Children's Literature Award, investigates these and other questions in a highly original investigation of the elusive sensibility of childhood and the ways writers have tried to capture it over time. Roni Natov traces the development of a distinct poetics – a way of imagining the experience of childhood – from the earliest conceptions of childhood innocence in the Romantic Age through to the present. A variety of literary texts, both those written for children and those engaging a mature readership, are examined for their use of childhood as a lens through which the adult – or the child in the adult – views the world. Her study encompasses a broad sweep of literary traditions, including the pastoral, the dark pastoral, the anti-pastoral, picture books, fantasy, and realism, as well as a remarkable range of authors from William Blake and Lewis Carroll to Doris Lessing and J.K. Rowling. Here Natov finds what is uniquely enchanting about the best of children's literature and why it continues to captivate readers of all ages.

Discover Ireland's hidden gems on 25 leisurely drives through the country's diverse landscape—from Belfast and the rugged Mourne Mountains to the magical Ring of Kerry. The ebook includes practical information for exploring the 32 counties of Ireland, including zip codes for use with GPS, rules of the road, driving tips, and

ideas for outdoor activities, stunning walks, and whiskey-tasting. There are also recommendations for the best-value hotels and restaurants specializing in regional produce.

The DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Ireland is your indispensable guide to this beautiful part of the world. This fully updated guide will lead you straight to the best attractions Ireland has to offer, from touring historic castles to exploring the countryside along the mystical Ring of Kerry to drinking Guinness in Dublin's coziest pubs. Inside DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Ireland, you'll find DK's famous cutaway illustrations of major architectural and historic sights, museum floor plans, and 3-D aerial views of key districts to explore on foot, along with in-depth coverage of the city's history and culture. Maps are marked with sights from the guidebook and include a street index for Dublin. This uniquely visual DK Eyewitness Travel Guide will help you discover everything region-by-region, from local festivals and markets to day trips around the countryside. Detailed listings will guide you to the best hotels, restaurants, bars, and shops for all budgets, while detailed practical information will help you to get around, whether by train, bus, or car. Plus, DK's excellent insider tips and essential local information will help you explore every corner of Ireland effortlessly.

Including detailed guidance to exploring the countryside and historic sites, this fully revised guide offers a complete picture of the beautiful island of Ireland, north and south. of color photos.

David Almond's Printz Honor-winning novel celebrates its

10th anniversary! Ten-year-old Michael was looking forward to moving into a new house. But now his baby sister is ill, his parents are frantic, and Doctor Death has come to call. Michael feels helpless. Then he steps into the crumbling garage. . . . What is this thing beneath the spiders' webs and dead flies? A human being, or a strange kind of beast never before seen? The only person Michael can confide in is his new friend, Mina. Together, they carry the creature out into the light, and Michael's world changes forever. . . .

Describes the architecture, culture, and history of Ireland; explores the highlights of each region of the country; and recommends hotels, restaurants, shops, sights, and scenic routes.

Back Roads of Ireland opens with a brief portrait of the country and then moves on to provide all the practical information required to plan a driving vacation: how to get there, bringing your own vehicle and options for renting, and detailed driving advice. The main section divides into numbered drives, following a logical progression around the country. Each drive features highlights and itinerary spreads for an overview and planning, followed by extensive descriptions of each sight and activity with clear driving instructions between. A language section at the back of the guide lists essential words and phrases, with a particular emphasis on road signs and driving-related vocabulary.

Although Frances Hodgson Burnett published numerous works for an adult readership, she is mainly remembered today for three novels written for children: *Little Lord Fauntleroy* (1886), *A Little Princess* (1905) and *The Secret Garden* (1911). This volume is dedicated to *The Secret Garden*. The articles address a wide range of issues, including the representation of the garden in Burnett's novel in the context of cultural history; the relationship between the concept of nature and female identity; the idea of therapeutic

places; the notion of redemptive children in *The Secret Garden* and *Little Lord Fauntleroy*; the concept of male identity; constructions of 'Otherness' and the redefinition of Englishness; film and anime versions of Burnett's classic; Noel Streatfeild's *The Painted Garden* as a rewriting of *The Secret Garden*; attitudes towards food in children's classics and Burnett's novel in the context of Edwardian girlhood fiction and the tradition of the female novel of development.

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