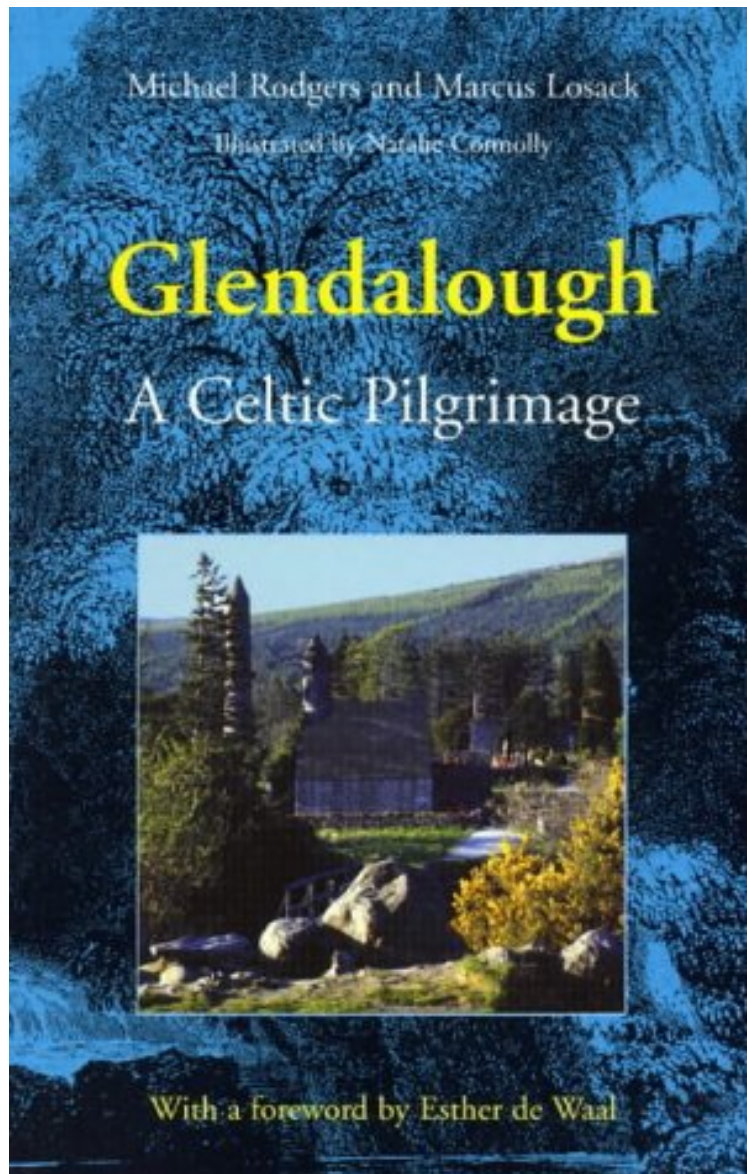


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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Tour GuideBy JamesGlendalough--A Celtic Pilgrimage, is part tour guide and part Celtic Spirituality with a little bit of history that will take you through the area of this 6-12th Century Monastic community. The book is not the easiest read for in order to fully understand what the authors are discussing,

you will need a basic knowledge of what the place was like and a general idea of the ruins and lay of the landscape in order to fully appreciate the text. The book is best used on site as the authors do not provide much in the way of illustrations leaving those who have never been there without any real idea of what a particular structure may look like. The book focuses mainly on structural features of the ruins with some added side notes on St. Kevin and the community he founded. I recommend this book if you have prerequisites knowledge of the area or are planning a visit to the grounds. Readers of this review are invited to comment either below or my email listed in my profile. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Glendalough By Customer Bob Macoubrie Good at telling you what is there but wished it had more stories about St. Kevin. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Michael Rogers and Marcus Losack, in their thorough and ... By johnnybird Michael Rogers and Marcus Losack, in their thorough and elegant book *Glendalough: A Celtic Pilgrimage* (Morehouse, 1996), do a magnificent job of describing Glendalough, its history, its spiritual significance, and how one might walk it as a pilgrim today. Having already read their book in the States and walked Glendalough in my mind's eye, I was and was not ready to make my own way. Was not, in that I do not think anyone can plan on what they will or will not "get out of" a holy place. All pilgrim paths are different, and the over-planned pilgrimage often comes up empty. But I referred often to their book, and commend it to you whose imagination may be kindled by it and whose feet may begin to itch to walk the Wicklow Valley in this deeply sacred place. -- Kurt Neilson, *Urban Iona: Celtic Hospitality in the City* (Morehouse, 2007) 94. The ultimate pilgrim's guide to Glendalough, the book makes possible an "armchair pilgrimage" and is well worth the reading even if you never stand in the car-park and listen to the cleaning man mutter about the "first suckers of the day." -- op. cit., 184.

Visitors and pilgrims have been coming to Glendalough since early Celtic times, and today it is one of the most-visited ancient sites in Ireland. This detailed guidebook brings out the timeless mystery of this ancient and sacred place, and reveals the treasures of the rich traditions of the area, the legends and stories of its patron, St Kevin, and the lives, lifestyles and beliefs of its inhabitants since earliest times. Uniquely, this guidebook is also a book on Celtic spirituality, based on a pilgrimage journey through Glendalough where both visitor and pilgrim are helped to make connections between the Celtic spirituality of St Kevin and his followers and a spirituality relevant for their own lives today. "It brings to both pilgrims and tourists a new source of inspiration linking the sixth century spirituality of Kevin and his followers with modern times in a meaningful way. In fact, it fills a void and gives food for thought and personal reflection." -- *The Irish Catholic*

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