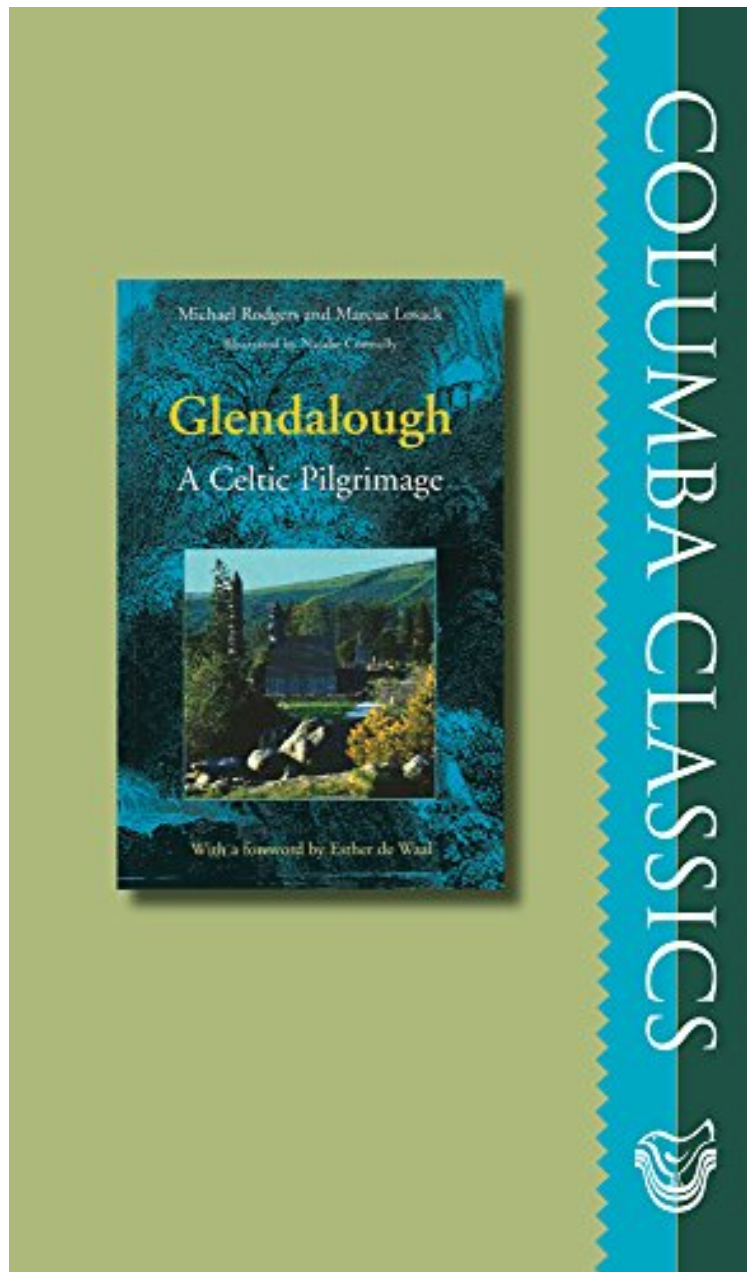


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which introduced me to St. Kevin and his monastery at Glendalough, is an invitation to pilgrimage. The ancient site draws the reader in, inviting us to slow down, take time to meditate upon the countryside, and think about pilgrims who went before us. There's this kind of silly disorder, I've heard, that causes you to forget what you're fetching when you cross a threshold into a new space. Maybe the opposite happens, too we remember something long forgotten, buried in our deepest selves, when we step into new terrain, where the angle of light penetrates our eyes (and perhaps brains and souls) differently. This may happen with an actual pilgrimage, or when reading a book like this one, a pilgrimage of the heart.

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