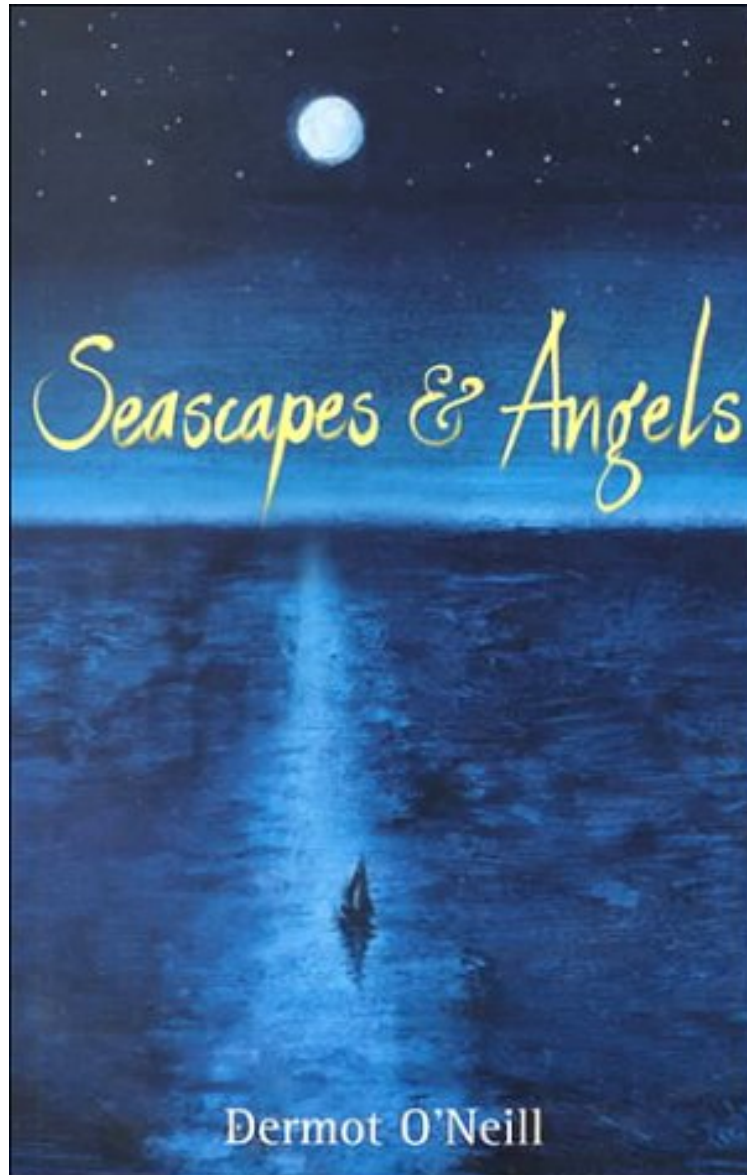


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adult anxieties that threatened to stifle his dream, he decided to do it before his fears won out. He set out alone to sail from his Irish home of Arklow to the Barbadoes. He quickly found himself in deep personal waters. The 14-month, 12,000 mile, round-trip journey in his sailboat Poitin led to terrifying times with storms, close encounters with death, insanity, hunger, and loneliness. This is an exciting and inspiring book about an ordinary man dealing with a critical stage in his life, but it is also a tale of fun, excitement, and the utter joy of personal and physical fulfillment.

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