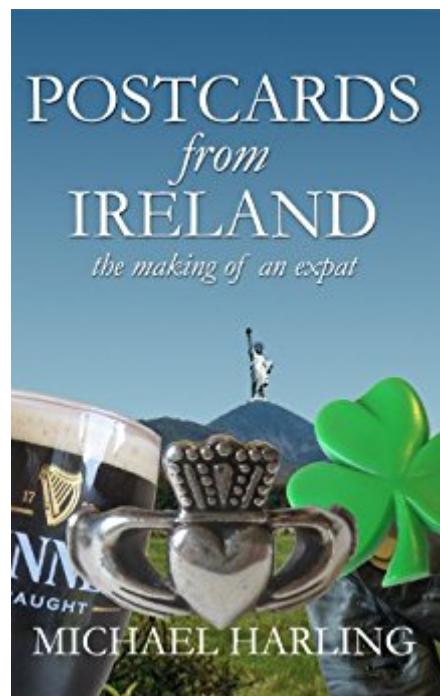


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# Postcards From Ireland



## **Synopsis**

In the summer of 2001, Michael Harling goes on a two-week vacation to Ireland. Here, the future author of Postcards From Across the Pond experiences life in Europe for the first time, and discovers he is ill-suited to the challenge. Along the way he finds himself at odds with the Irish climate, traversing treacherous terrain and in desperate need of a Laundromat. But he is on a mission, a pilgrimage of sorts, to uncover the elusive mystique that is the real Ireland. And while this ideal continues to elude him, he finds the one thing he was determined to avoid. Postcards From Ireland is a humorous ramble through the bogs and backlands of Ireland via the bewildered musings of the author who, while displaying his trademark ineptitude at dealing with life beyond the borders of the US of A, is unknowingly being drawn into an even greater adventure.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Okay, I bought this book because I have this ridiculous love for the "idea" of Ireland and I needed to take my mind off my own personal woes -which, I believed would be practically impossible. From

the very beginning I was hooked and an hour later I found myself laughing out loud in bed. His account of each day he spent there sharing both the good and the bad was so well written it was as if he was sitting across the table with a beer (Guinness) talking to you with just the right amount of ambient mirth (in a bar) . I know it is unfair but, I only gave it 4 stars because it was supposed to entertain me for a couple of nights and I finished in one.

Postcards from Ireland gives the reader a personal take on an Irish holiday. Michael Harling takes off from his urban life in America, unprepared for a hiking holiday in the wilds of Ireland.. His appraisals of the contrasts between life in America and Ireland are light and witty. His adventures provide the reader with a good insight into the contrasts between the false "touristy" Ireland and the genuine experience. The descriptions of the people and situations are pithy and insightful. Travelers both actual and armchair will find much to smile about in this story. There is a romance to this book which is appealing and insightful.

Didn't think Michael Harling could top his Postcards from Across the Pond but this is even funnier. How he survived his trip to Ireland with all it's twists and unexpected adventures on a hiking tour with others from different countires is amazing. Can't wait for his next book.

I was so glad I read this book after having read the first two "Post Card" books. I loved his denial about looking for any kind of relationship at all beyond friendship with this woman whose name he really couldn't figure out. All along you knew this was undoubtedly the woman he married and moved to the U. K. for. Brilliant!

It was a light and often comical story. I could not agree with Mr. Harlings opinion of the people, the B&Bs, and life in general in Ireland. I've been there twice and have enjoyed it immensely both times. We did B&Bs mostly the first trip and the second time down to Killarney to a time share (with a thatched roof,) The second 09 trip was very rainy and not the soft type. My only complaints are no pub music (Irish) and the rental agent didn't explain things such as water heater going off at ten and if the fuse popped the refrigerator which is over the washer and dryer combo leaked every thing it had.

This reads as an entertaining travel journal where he unexpectedly falls in love with an English woman. Doesn't delve too much into Irish culture too deeply, but more focused on his daily

dilemmas.

I enjoyed this book very much. I am fulfilling a longtime dream of mine, to visit Ireland next summer. This story took me on a virtual trip through Ireland. I visited the airports, the towns, the pubs, the hotels, the B & Bs, the scenery and the people. I'm now more than ready to go. Thank you Michael Harling!

Entertaining because I had been to all the places the author visited but I found him a little annoying; the kind of clueless American that knows so little about the culture of the country they visit. Plus it seemed he was just bragging about meeting a younger woman. Also I don't get cigar smokers; stay out of my pubs.

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