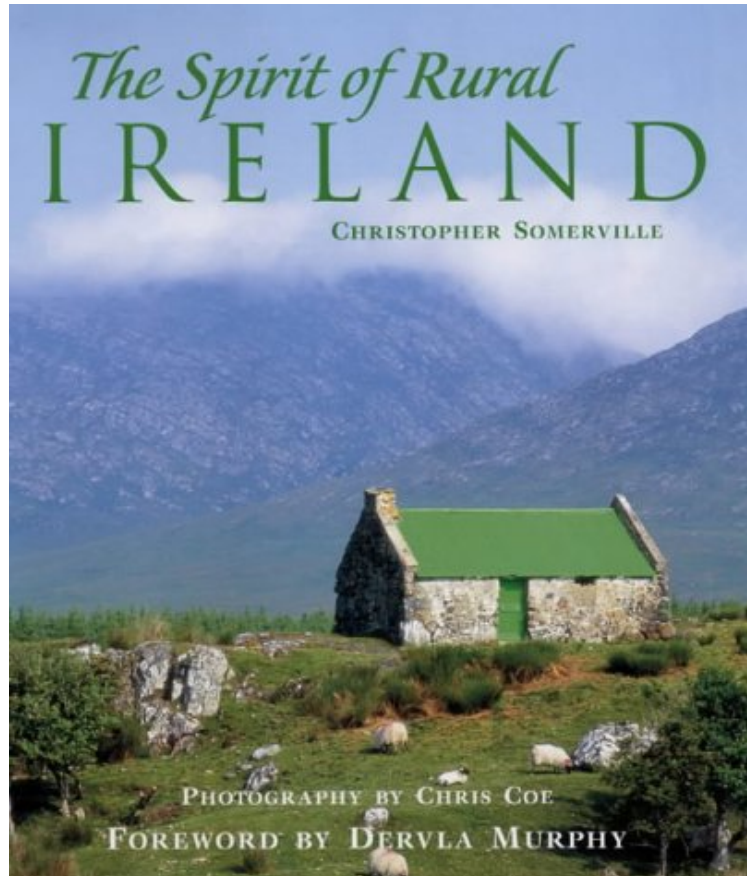


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**Christopher Somerville : The Spirit of Rural Ireland** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Spirit of Rural Ireland:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. An introduction to the magical experience of what we call "The Emerald Isle". By Jerry Guild If any place on earth has a special, unique spirit that every visitor notices immediately, it is rural Ireland. There is something about the intense green of the fields and hillsides, the subtle colours and moods of the extensive boglands and the harsh beauty of the mountains and coasts of Ireland, well softened by rain and lit by muted Atlantic light, that lays its magic on everyone who is lucky enough to know this delectable country. This book also reveals Ireland's greatest national asset: the people who play music and tell tall tales in the pubs and back kitchens, lean over farm gates for a minute's chat that lasts an hour, ask the stranger in for a cup of tea that turns into an evening's ceilidh, if not a lifelong friendship. What this book does, that so many others do not; is take you on a walking tour of Ireland. The photographs are breathtaking in that they are so down to earth and close to the people. These are the photographs that show the heart and soul of Ireland.

The magical atmosphere of Ireland has long drawn visitors in search of something special. This spirit is beautifully captured by Christopher Somerville in a unique and evocative personal account of one traveller's experiences. The full breadth of Ireland's history, mythology, society, art and culture is explored through a series of charming cameos as the writer's travels take him on foot from the Glens of Antrim in Ulster to the rugged coastline of Galway, encountering many extraordinary characters and places en route. The compelling text is enhanced throughout by a breathtaking array of specially-commissioned colour photographs that bring to life the rich appeal of this enchanting land, both north and south.

About the Author Christopher Somerville is a freelance writer, journalist and presenter with a special interest in walking and countryside matters. For over ten years he has written the Daily Telegraph's 'Walk of the Month'. He has devised and presented a number of TV and radio series, including Anglia TV's 'Somerville's Walks' and is a regular contributor to BBC Radio 4's 'Excess Baggage'. Other publications include *Walking Old Railways* (David and Charles 1979), *Coastal Walks in England and Wales* (Grafton, 1988), *Country Walks near London* (Simon and Schuster 1994) and *Images of Rural Britain* (New Holland 2000). He lives in Bristol, England. Chris Coe specializes in landscape, travel and people photography for the national press, guide books, brochures and calendars. He has worked on the British TV travel programme *Wish You Were Here* and is winner of the inaugural BGTW Best Travel Photography Award.