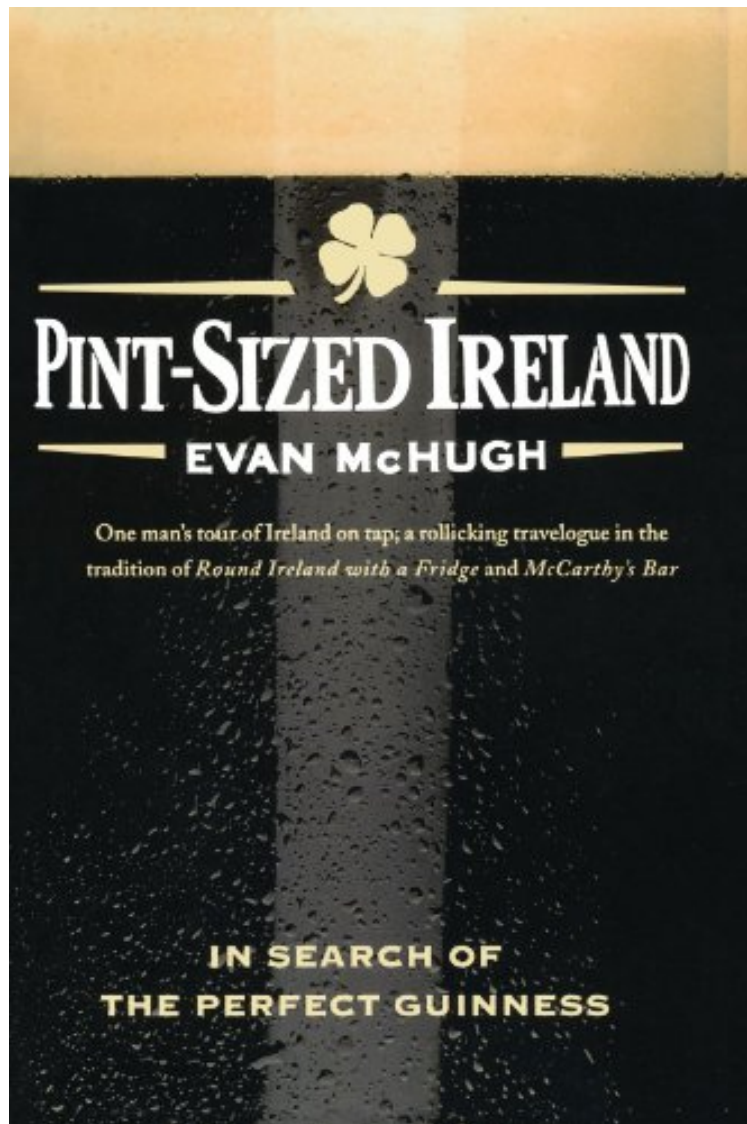


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book coming and going. By Doctor DI recommend the book for those who have not visited the Emerald Isle to get a closeup experience of the land and it's people. And I recommend it to the folks who have been there to bring back warm memories. It's a great hands on as a travel guide,

and it's a fun read as well. And I don't drink. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Pub Crawling in Ireland By S. Jefferson A light, enjoyable read, that doesn't portend to explain any type of deep subject matter. This book paints Ireland as a scenic land full of friendly, cheerful people, who are not yet as callous as we Americans. The fact that they have fresh Guinness available at every pub doesn't hurt either. I went online and did a Google Street search of most of the bars described in the book. A journey like this would be a lark, but highly enjoyable - probably the trip of a lifetime. BTW, I also recommend the book, "Around Ireland With a Fridge," which is similarly lighthearted. ;o) 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The Guinness Pub Crawl Guide By Todd R. Jordan Pint-sized Ireland is a fun and engaging read. The author shares his vacation around Ireland that evolves into the search for the perfect pint of Guinness. Evan and his traveling companion go from the worst Guinness they can imagine to finding the answer to where to find the perfect pint. Their journey takes them up one side of Ireland and back down the other. Along the way they are carted, cajoled, and cared for by the locals and fellow travelers. They find that Ireland has more pubs than hotels, and more stories about Guinness that one might imagine. A good read as the author relates much about the land its self, its people, and its history. We meet several of the locals, we are with him as he scales a mountain, and stand beside him in awe with each new discovery. I recommend this book to those who love Ireland, and those that love Guinness, and finally to those that just love a good old fashioned pub crawl.

One man's tour of Ireland on tap; a rollicking travelogue in the tradition of Round Ireland with a Fridge and McCarthy's Bar. "Regret" is the word that best describes Evan McHugh's first taste of Guinness. For an Australian raised on Vegemite, Ireland's black brew is very much an acquired taste. But the travel-writer is committed to acquiring it. Determined to discover exactly what makes a pint of Guinness so legendary, he crosses the Emerald Isle in search of his answers. But in sampling pints as he goes, McHugh soon realizes that in each town, and at every pub, someone always says that the best glass of Guinness is to be found . . . somewhere else. In his comedic and sentimental journey, McHugh and his companion, Twidkiwodm (the-woman-he-didn't-know-he-would-one-day-marry), hitch around Ireland, meeting unforgettable characters. He goes rowing with a German bagpiper on the lakes of Killarney, windsurfing with a one-armed man in Dingle, survives an encounter with poteen and even finds his own bar . . . but keeps searching for the perfect pint. As entertaining as it is informative, Pint-Sized Ireland is both a hilarious travelogue and thoughtful diary. McHugh's comedic voice swiftly moves in and out of pubs, peering into froth-rimmed pints, and leading readers to question: So does he ever find the perfect pot of black gold? Those who have rested upon the barstools of Ireland, who have sought the famed "perfect pint of Guinness," realize that perfection rests in more than just the taste. McHugh captures the visceral experience of Guinness and Ireland in a warm memoir that's perfect to savor. International Praise for Pint-Sized Ireland "McHugh's idea of traveling is one continuous pub crawl . . . an entertaining homage to the black brew." ---The Age (Australia) "McHugh's writing style is intelligent, quirky, and conversational. The result is a consummately easy to read book, amusing and engaging. It'll make you want to go in search of your own perfect pint." ---Adventure Travel "This is a lovely book, well written, full of humorous anecdotes and works both as a travelogue and as a guide to drinking in Ireland. One of the real joys of this book is the way that the author captures the nuances and syntax of the way the people speak (lsquo;"Rooit", said the pub-landlord, lsquo;in ye coom"). After a few pages you find yourself falling into this yourself and by the time you finish the book you will have developed a full-blown Irish accent." ---www.bootsnall.com

From Publishers Weekly An Australian, McHugh has his first pint of Guinness on the ferry from Wales to Ireland and is mighty unimpressed. But after he reaches the Emerald Isle, his opinion of Guinness changes and, along with Twidkiwodm ("the-woman-I-didn't-know-I-would-one-day-marry"), he circumnavigates the island in search of the best pint. McHugh certainly isn't the first backpacker to traverse Ireland's customary tourist spotsmdash;Yeats country, the Burren, the pubs of Dublin, the Giants' Causeway, Dingle Baymdash;with beer on the brain. But it is the unplanned events that make the travel special. While he inserts his share of Irish lore and legend into his travelogue, his descriptions of being in a rowboat with a German bagpiper or his recounting of leading a rag-tag bunch of Italians, Germans and Australians up the sacred mount Croagh Patrick are what brings his book to life. It also helps that McHugh, who continually professes his admiration for Irish writers, has a bit of the gift of gab himself. His prose flows like a friendly barstool chat and his frequent cheeky one-liners play the foil to his nostalgic nature. (Mar.) Copyright copy; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Australian McHugh tires of bright and light native lagers and heads straight for the boss brew: Guinness. Certain that he has yet to encounter stout in its optimum state, he treks about Ireland in search of the elusive "perfect pint." Along the way, he visits many a pub, reveling in each bar's uniqueness. The quality of Guinness, he discovers, really does differ from place to place around its native country, and his taste for and appreciation of the beverage grows and grows. Lest the reader fear that this journey is nothing but a geographically extended bender, McHugh and his girlfriend, Twidkiwodm (pronounced, McHugh claims, just like "Michelle"), survey such typical tourist haunts as Trinity College Library, with its Book of Kells; the banks of Dublin's River Liffey; and the spectacular Dingle Peninsula. He likens driving in Ireland to Russian roulette. Fans both of Ireland and of Guinness will enjoy pub-

crawling with McHugh. Mark Knoblauch Copyright copy; American Library Association. All rights reserved From the Inside Flap One man's tour of Ireland on tap; a rollicking travelogue in the tradition of Round Ireland with a Fridge and McCarthy's Bar. "Regret" is the word that best describes Evan McHugh's first taste of Guinness. For an Australian raised on Vegemite, Ireland's black brew is very much an acquired taste. But the travel-writer is committed to acquiring it. Determined to discover exactly what makes a pint of Guinness so legendary, he crosses the Emerald Isle in search of his answers. But in sampling pints as he goes, McHugh soon realizes that in each town, and at every pub, someone always says that the best glass of Guinness is to be found . . . somewhere else. In his comedic and sentimental journey, McHugh and his companion, Twidkiwodm (the-woman-he-didn't-know-he-would-one-day-marry), hitch around Ireland, meeting unforgettable characters. He goes rowing with a German bagpiper on the lakes of Killarney, windsurfing with a one-armed man in Dingle, survives an encounter with poteen and even finds his own bar . . . but keeps searching for the perfect pint. As entertaining as it is informative, *Pint-Sized Ireland* is both a hilarious travelogue and thoughtful diary. McHugh's comedic voice swiftly moves in and out of pubs, peering into froth-rimmed pints, and leading readers to question: So does he ever find the perfect pot of black gold? Those who have rested upon the barstools of Ireland, who have sought the famed "perfect pint of Guinness," realize that perfection rests in more than just the taste. McHugh captures the visceral experience of Guinness and Ireland in a warm memoir that's perfect to savor. International Praise for *Pint-Sized Ireland* "McHugh's idea of traveling is one continuous pub crawl . . . an entertaining homage to the black brew." ---The Age (Australia) "McHugh's writing style is intelligent, quirky, and conversational. The result is a consummately easy to read book, amusing and engaging. It'll make you want to go in search of your own perfect pint." ---Adventure Travel "This is a lovely book, well written, full of humorous anecdotes and works both as a travelogue and as a guide to drinking in Ireland. One of the real joys of this book is the way that the author captures the nuances and syntax of the way the people speak (lsquo;"Rooit", said the pub-landlord, lsquo;"in ye coom"). After a few pages you find yourself falling into this yourself and by the time you finish the book you will have developed a full-blown Irish accent." ---www.bootsnall.com