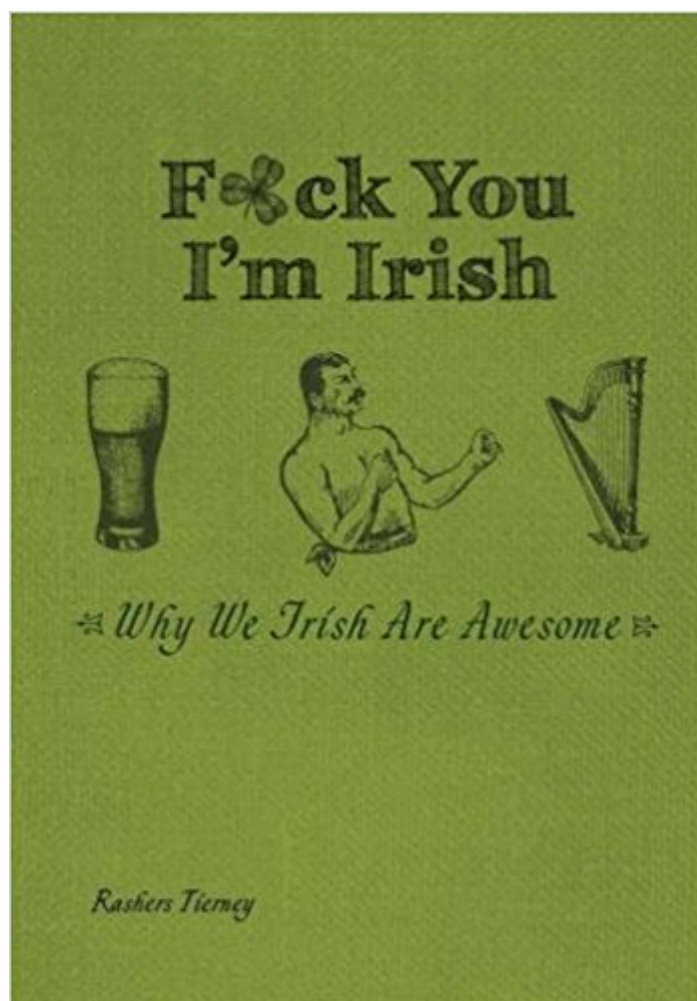


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"Those interested in Ireland and its history and people will find interesting reading here, sometimes humorous, sometimes serious, always informative."â •Foreword Reviews"If you need a book to learn why the Irish are wonderful, turn to 'F**k You, I'm Irish: Why the Irish Are Awesome.'"â •NJ.com

In my opinion, it's the varied range of myth-busting, intriguing information that make this tiny book such an ideal gift or must-buy treat--for those of Irish heritage--or indeed for anyone fascinated by Ireland and its people.Â There are just so many compelling and overlooked aspects to this magical land:I never knew Irish Gaelic is the oldest written language in Europe apart from Latin and

Greek. It was also a revelation to realize that the Bodhran is not really that old as a musical instrument. I'm sure that it'll surprise many of my readers to learn that until about twenty years ago, pubs in Ireland were closed on St. Patrick's Day!! Even more shocking, did you know that St. Patrick was originally brought to Ireland as a slave? I grew up in Ireland, hearing all about its rich culture, complex history and troubled past from schoolbooks and my family. I thought I knew everything Irish--until I started researching this book.

As someone of strong Irish descent, I got a lot out of this book, which is divided into bite-size, digestible chunks of information that together paint what seems to be pretty complete picture of Irish culture, both past and present. From Claddagh rings and the Potato Famine to Bono and Liam Neeson, the author "an Irishman himself" delves into parts of Irish life and lore that will be both familiar and new to an American audience. I especially like when he talks about different Irish words and their meanings, like "fluthered" (which is a silver-tongued Irish reveler might use to describe being merry, visibly not sober but in relatively good form with a capacity to function logically, if slightly exuberantly and eccentrically) and "bajanxed," or drunk beyond the ability to physically function. My only reason for giving *F*ck You, I'm Irish* four stars rather than five is that I wish the text were as humorous and irreverent as its title suggests. While the author's voice is friendly and casual, and not at all apologetic for the less rosy parts of being Irish, it's not as LOL-funny as I might have hoped. Still, this would be a great introduction for anyone interested in learning more about what it truly means to be Irish, especially if they are of Irish heritage.

Are you Irish? Do you like interesting, funny books about your heritage? You'll love this book! This book is so fascinating, with some great facts and tidbits about Ireland and the Irish people and culture that are so cool! There are chapters on How the Irish Made America, Irish Bad-Asses, and more! My very favorite chapters are More Magic and Mystery Than You Could Shake a Stick At and Sexy and Romantic Sons of Bitches! I love fantasy and magic, and the chapter about Irish magic was fascinating! Banshees and changelings you've probably heard about, but did you know about Dracula's Irish blood? How about Fionn McCool? Sexy and Romantic Sons of Bitches is a fun chapter about the sexiness of Irish people and the culture! It's all around a really fun, entertaining, and informative book! I had a great time reading this book. Not only did I have fun with this, but I learned a lot too. This book would make a great gift for any Irish friend or family member. I bought this for my very Irish father and he adored it. My

boyfriend enjoyed flipping through it as well, and he's not even Irish. I really recommend it.

Don't be thrown off by the title, it's part of the irreverence we are known for! Rashers Tierney is a gifted writer, one that knows how to give just the right amount of information without tossing you over the cliffs into the waves of boredom. Lots of interesting tidbits of information, some of which I am sure has escaped even the most patriotic of Irish. The book is an effortless read that holds your interest right to the last page. One gets the feeling that given the time and pages, Rashers Tierney has a lot more stories up his sleeve and hopefully, there will be a F#ck You, Two, I'm Still Irish? Give Rashers a feed and let him belt away at another book!

F*ck You I'm Irish is essential reading even if you aren't Irish. The author writes with the wit and ferocity the Irish are well known for and has offered up a great and deceptively dense history of the Irish immigrant experience. It's an extraordinarily fun, fast read and I would go so far as to say it would make the perfect addition to any high school, or middle school library as a teaching tool (the title notwithstanding). Here's a taste: "You see St.

Patrick's Day, Good Friday, and Christmas were the three days of the year when the pubs weren't allowed to open. Yep, you heard it right folks, the towns and villages of Ireland were dry as a rock in the desert on Ireland's national feast day. People generally just gathered for a hearty family meal somewhat like the US Thanksgiving feast, annoyed the hell out of each other, and had an early night. Priceless!

A must read tome for any person with taste and good breeding or the burgeoning aficionado of Irish culture. Witty and informative, Rashers Tierney will make you laugh out loud and keep you up-to-date on the latest Irish slang. With chapters on pop culture and Gaelic geography, Tierney takes readers beyond the clichés and deep into the history and culture of a truly awesome people.

Great book if you want to understand Irish culture and history without slogging through dull social science books. I have had a number of Irish friends, and have always enjoyed their company greatly, and this book helps explain why -- good conversation, music, dancing, and yes, drinking, are basic parts of the culture. Education and initiative too (I guess out of necessity!). Was interesting to read through the number of influential Americans who were Irish, who knew? Also love that there's an official Irish Dancing Commission. Any country with a Dancing Commission is OK with me!

Reading this charming, pocket-sized book straight through made me imagine myself in a warm, old Dublin pub, lucky enough to have bellied up to the bar with a friendly, irreverent, wise Irishman who was generously sharing everything *Irish* with me, from erudition of Gaelic to explanations of the famous Irish temperament, from Irish Magic to the complex and astonishing history of the Irish people, from "Irish Bad Asses" to "How the Irish Made America." Shameless! but so unpretentiously, casually, and humorously told there's no way I wanted to stop listening. A new appreciation for all the Irish people, friends, and elements I encounter in my everyday -- and fuel for the dream to someday travel to the Emerald Isle.

Comes from a solid view point of the author. makes a great gift. Never hurts after 35 years to find out your Irish, this book just helps add to the history. The fire and the passion have to love being Irish

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