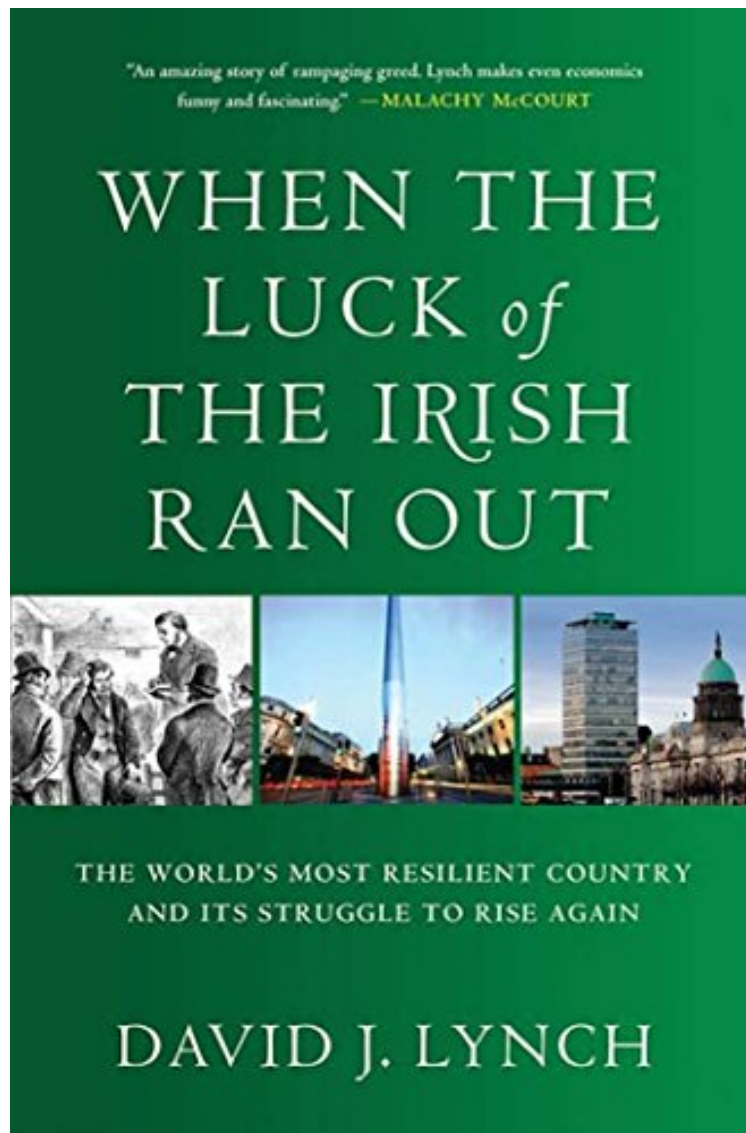


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Irish financial crisis. It is nicely balanced with reasonable analysis and instructive (as well as entertaining) anecdote, with enough recent historical (meaning mostly Republican era) information to provide context for understanding both the Celtic Tiger period and the present challenges. Particularly recommended for those "outsiders" looking for an up-to-date, well-written account that is critical but not subsumed by a larger moral or political message or agenda. If you are looking for a quick primer on the current dilemma that is both sound and readable, this is a good choice. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. An enjoyable, informative book! By cheartfield Though I am a big reader of history and biography, I typically shy away from economic histories or books written from an international finance perspective. However, "When the Luck of the Irish Ran Out" was a delightful read, filled with very helpful comparative illustrations and some great anecdotes and stories along with lots of facts and analysis. I especially like the way the author traces the lives of several of the main players and others in Ireland during this period; it provides a ground-level and human perspective on the roller-coaster ride the Irish are experiencing. 0 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Uninspiring By JoeYa, I read an economist review and thought it would be interesting. It was more a summation of all Irish history up onto this point, with little economic commentary, little to nothing that gives depth or insight. So I gave it a low review because of that but for an insight into Irish culture it would be higher.

Few countries have been as dramatically transformed in recent years as Ireland. Once a culturally repressed land shadowed by terrorism and on the brink of economic collapse, Ireland finally emerged in the late 1990s as the fastest-growing country in Europe, with the typical citizen enjoying a higher standard of living than the average Brit. Just a few years after celebrating their newly-won status among the world's richest societies, the Irish are now saddled with a wounded, shrinking economy, soaring unemployment, and ruined public finances. After so many centuries of impoverishment, how did the Irish finally get rich, and how did they then fritter away so much so quickly? Veteran journalist David J. Lynch offers an insightful, character-driven narrative of how the Irish boom came to be and how it went bust. He opens our eyes to a nation's downfall through the lived experience of individual citizens: the people responsible for the current crisis as well as the ordinary men and women enduring it.