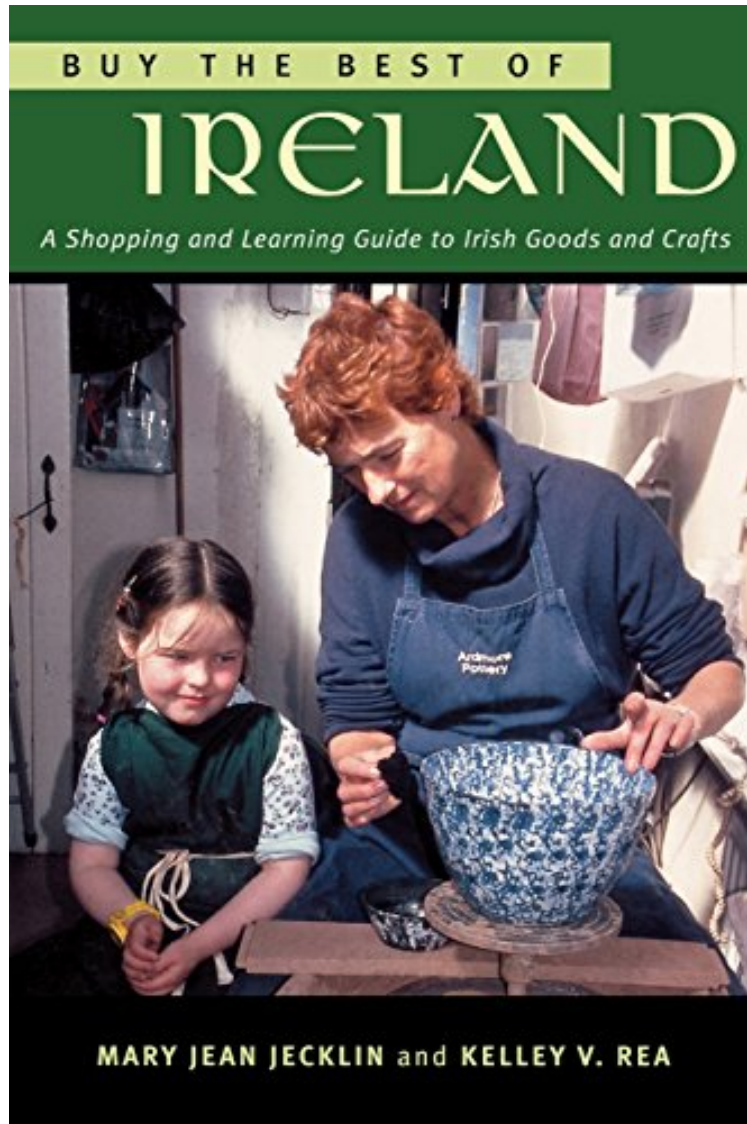


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Aran sweater or piece of Waterford. Ireland is teeming with wonderful crafters making pottery, jewelry, linens, lace, leather goods, silver, and more - in addition to the familiar woolens and crystal. The authors show you how to find the small family workshops that are not on the tourist maps, as well as the major craft centers and shops. Some crafters will even give you a discount if you show them the book, making it a real bargain! Web site addresses are included for armchair shoppers, and there is a comprehensive list of Irish shops in the US (though no URLs for these). The authors' love of Ireland and its handicrafts comes through on every page. More photos would have been helpful, but this is really a one-of-a-kind book for the visitor to Ireland.

It is still possible to visit Ireland and find people lovingly and enthusiastically keeping their ancient cultural activities alive. This includes creating world-renowned traditional crafts and quality collectible. This guide to shopping in Ireland is organized by product (pottery, china, crystal, jewelry, linens, etc.) but also provides information on factory tours, hours of operation, history, and favorite product lines. Other more general information covers Value Added Tax (VAT), currency, terminology and slang, customs issues, and what's involved in shipping things home. A useful appendix provides a list of shops and clubs in the United States and Canada dedicated to selling and collecting products from Ireland.

If you love to shop and are headed to Ireland, you need this book, which lists and describes where to get the best quality and value on anything made or manufactured in Ireland and Northern Ireland. (Daily Herald) Buy the Best of Ireland is a detailed, insightful, and affectionate look at Irish-made offerings. (Herald, Rockland, II) An exhaustive trawl through Irish gift buying, suitable for both Irish and Irish American friends. (Sean O'Driscoll, Irish Voice) Excellent short essays. Highly recommended, especially to the dedicated shoppers, God preserve them! (Ireland Of The Welcomes) Fascinating histories of various Irish crafts. (Minnesota) About the Author Mary Jean Jecklin is the author of hundreds of articles on history, art, travel, crafts, collectibles, and shopping.