

Spirit of CONNEMARA

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Connemara is the name given to the western portion of County Galway in Ireland, representing a vast open space found between Lough Corrib and the Atlantic Ocean. The unique wild landscape is decorated with mountain ranges, dotted with lakes, edged by an ocean with sandy shores and exists beneath a breathtaking, constantly changing, sky. The tranquil and serene aura combined with the spectacular natural beauty everywhere you look, makes Connemara the gateway to the heavens. Seasonally, Connemara practically changes colour allowing one to observe the spring and summer greens, the winter snow capped mountains and even the autumnal shades of the land. All this and more is to be found in Ronan Bree's superb collection of photographs which capture the true Spirit of Connemara.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Hailing from Galway city, Ronan Bree has become a keen landscape photographer. His eye for a good scene, in addition to his patience to wait for the right light and the right time of day, ensures he always shoots a fine selection of images. From the first time he ventured west of Galway with his camera, he fell in love with the unique atmosphere that exists in spectacular Connemara.

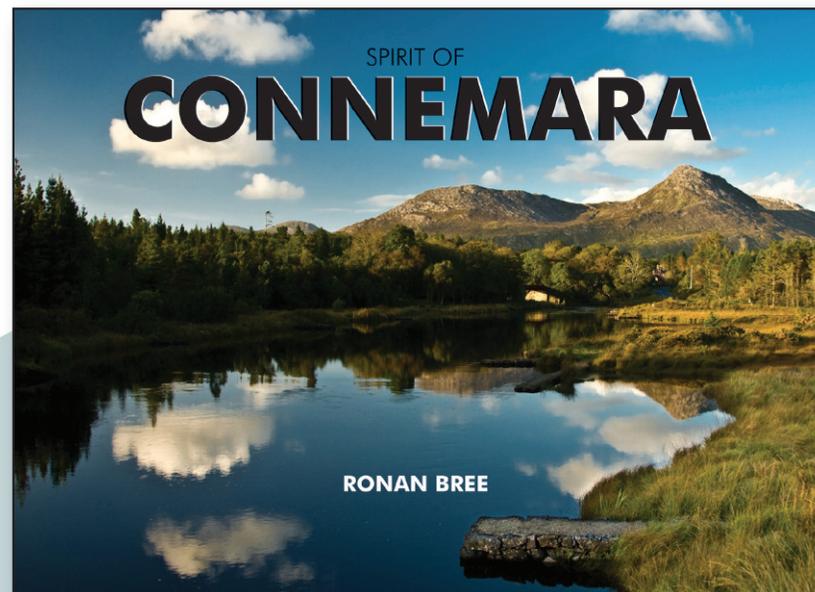
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The arches of the Quiet Man Bridge, show some detailed masonry.



Pine Island of Derryclare Lake on a still day.



A Roundstone boat takes some rest on dry land.



Example of a double-page spread.



Ballynahinch also possesses a small church with a graveyard which has some high cross gravestones that rise above the horizon reaching for the sky.
Opposite page: Close to Ballynahinch lake, is a sign for 'The Ranch' and behind the sign is this breathtaking view which shows how Connemara can fill a frame.



Kylemore Abbey, always a popular spot in Connemara, is well worth a visit, as it towers over a still lake.



Lough Inagh has plenty of places of beauty to photograph, however a nice cloud pattern can add to the scene on a still day. Inagh Lodge is evident on the horizon.