



## Cliffs of Insanity: A Winter on Ireland's Big Waves

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Transworld. 1 Paperback(s), 2012. soft. Book Condition: New. Surfing in Ireland was once considered little more than a fringe and slightly lunatic pursuit; the treacherous coastline and ice-cold waters of the Atlantic did not fit the surfing stereotype as the pastime of the bronzed and privileged. But with the discovery of the gargantuan Aileen's wave at the Cliffs of Moher, and other heavy waves, the Irish coast has become one of the worst-kept secrets in the surfing world. Irish Times senior sportswriter Keith Duggan here tells the story of a dedicated group of surfers in County Clare whose lives revolve around the pursuit of Ireland's wildest waves. He traces the evolution of Fergal Smith, the young Mayo man whose intuition for big waves has earned him a serious reputation, and profiles Mickey Smith, the roving Cornish man who discovered Aileen's, and whose breathtaking surf photography has caught the Irish landscape in an entirely new light. 253.

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