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dates to 1840, five years before the Great Hunger, a subject that Christine Kinealy knows well. The photos in this fascinating collection are all from the 19th and early 20th century. Published by Thames & Hudson in New York. Another photo book that catches the eye is "Ireland, Timeless Images," by Kinsale, Co. Cork-based Giles Norman. All the pictures are in black and white and Norman tips the hat in this regard to one of his photographic heroes, Ansel Adams.

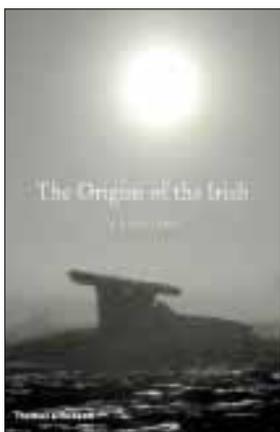
"From The Great Blasket To America," Michael Carney with Gerald Hayes.

Subtitled "The Last Memoir of an Islander," this is the story of Michael Carney who was born on Great Blasket in 1920 and who immigrated to Springfield, Massachusetts in 1948. Carney's is the kind of story that historians are scrambling to piece together as the twentieth century fades into

the rear view mirror. A treasure in a paperback cover. From Dufour. Also via Dufour is another memoir from Ireland's edges, this one being "The Lightkeeper." It's the story of lighthouse keeper, one of the last men to do the job before automation. His name is Gerald Butler and his assignments took him places such as Bull Rock, Mizen Head, the Old Head of Kinsale and Fastnet Rock, the most southerly and loneliest outpost of sovereign Irish territory.

"The Origins of the Irish," J.P. Mallory.

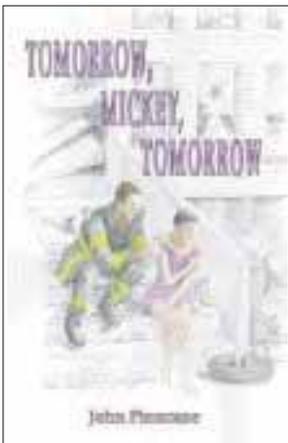
So where did the Irish, in DNA terms now a diaspora numbering between 70 and 80 million, come from? Mallory, who is based at Queen's University Belfast, sets out to answer the question in this detailed and deeply researched work. Mallory starts not with human DNA but rocks, geology, and starts out by describing how Ireland actually became an island after the col-



lision of two landmasses. Published in New York by Thames & Hudson.

"Tomorrow Mickey, Tomorrow," By John Finucane.

A Bronx tale as told by a man who well knows the Bronx. John Finucane, in what is his third book, weaves a romantic tale set in the tenements of the South Bronx in the early 1950s. Available from Amazon but Finucane, well known to Echo readers for his work in former years with the American Irish Political Education Committee, can be contacted



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"Mac Ireland, Fight For Irish Freedom," By Fr. Sean McManus.

Well, there was the actress Jill Ireland, there is the model Kathy Ireland and the Premier League soccer player, Stephen Ireland. So why not Mac Ireland, the hero of the debut work of fiction by Fr. McManus, known far and wide for his work in Washington, D.C. for peace and justice in Ireland. This is book one so there's more on the way from



Mac Ireland, a hard man with a learned mind. The author stirs the pot with this one and the result is a series of unusual combination in the typical Troubles/IRA thriller. Available from Mac Ireland Publications, PO Box 15128, Washington, D.C. 20003 or at SeanMcManus6@mac.com. Also available from Amazon.

"The Trade Union Pint," By Martin Duffy.

Given that we are marking the centenary of the Great Lockout in Dublin here's a story that will settle with the reader like a good pint of plain. It's the story of the Guinness

Brewery in Dublin, in 1913 but in the years after World War II when some of the best treated workers in Ireland (Guinness was famous for its "cradle to grave" paternalism) still yearned for their own voice by means of union membership. IF will take a particular interest in Duffy's work because the granddad was working in the brewery at the time covered in his account. Jaysus, is that him on the cover? From Dufour.

"Irish Boston," By Michael Quinlin.

Mike Quinlin is long familiar to Echo readers and he is on familiar ground here with a book that is subtitled "A lively look at Boston's colorful Irish past." No argument in that. The past, of course, never really goes away as the recent election of Marty Walsh as Boston's mayor duly confirms. Published by Globe Pequot Press and also available on Amazon.

"The Battle of Benburb 1646," By Clive Hollick.

All Irish history is but seconds ago so 1646 is no time at all. It was June 5 of that fateful year and two armies were about to collide outside Benburb, a village in County Tyrone. The Irish forces, under Owen Roe O'Neill would win the day by defeating the combined Scottish/English force of Robert Monro. The Irish win threatened the very existence of the Ulster Plantation. But, of course, history, and for sure the Irish version, has a habit of sharply turning from the expected. From Dufour.

"The Irish Aboard Titanic," By Senan Molloy.

If 1646 still resonates so for sure does 1912, the year that the Titanic went to its watery grave. No need to go into the story of the doomed liner here but suffice it to say that the stories of the Irish aboard the ship will hold the reader to the very end of this fascinating book which comes with quite a number of photos. Published in Ireland by Mercier Press and available from Dufour Editions.

"Strong Boy," By Christopher Klein.

This hardcover is subtitled "The Life and Times of John L. Sullivan, America's First Sports Hero". He was a hero alright, unless you were at the receiving end of his ungloved fist. Strong recommendations for this one on the back cover and while the man at the center of the story was a heavyweight, the writing looks light enough to call this an easy read about a most interesting sporting icon. Published by Globe Pequot Press, www.globepequot.com.

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