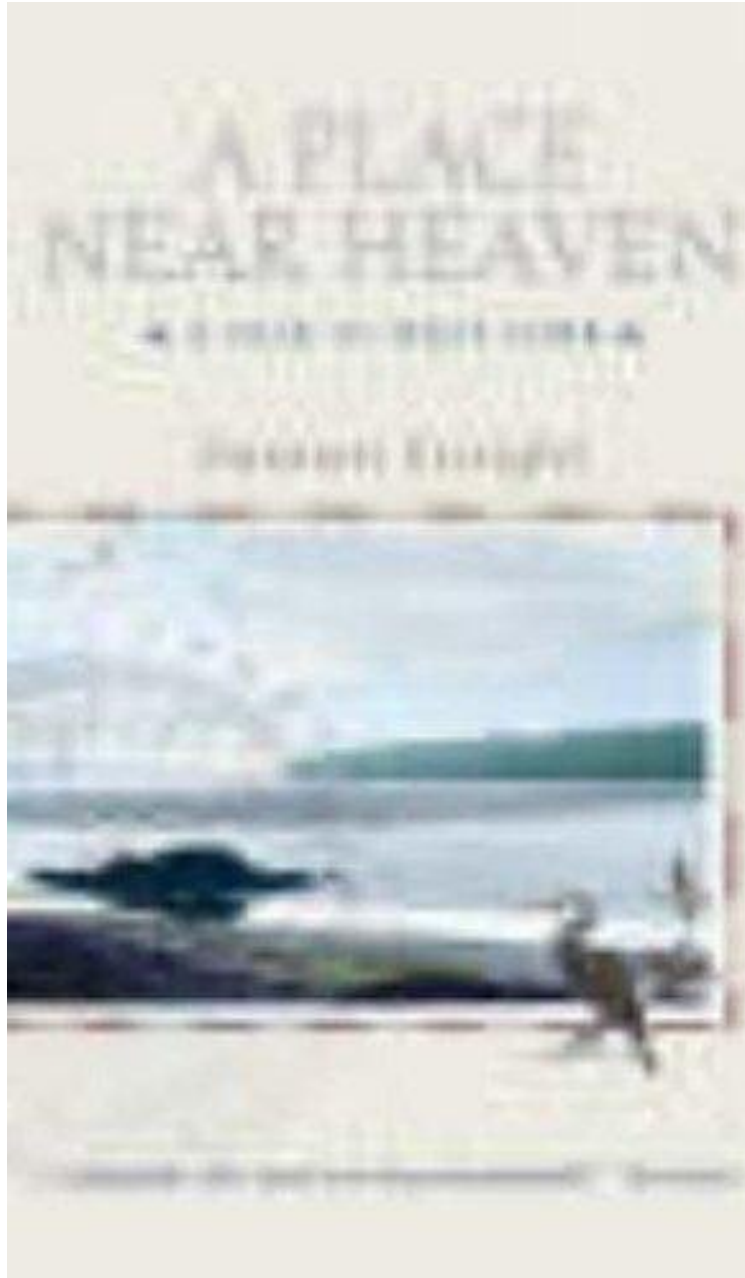


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Place near Heaven - indeed it is! By Marlogue I first came across this book when working in the Beara Peninsula in Summer of 2007. Little did I think that four years later, partly inspired by this book, that I would be living here! And I'm not the only one. I've come across fellow Dubs who have also moved to the wonderful Courtmacsherry, having been inspired by Damien's most lyrically sublime book. And having been here for only a few months now, I can tell you, it is a "Place near Heaven" indeed. In fact it's even better than Damien describes it.... If you can't bring yourself to visit, at least read the book, it's utterly wonderful....

West Cork is a magical place. We Irish know this, as do the international celebrities who have been attracted by its beauty and security. The countryside has remained unspoiled and the people unaffected. *A Place Near Heaven* is the story of a calendar year in West Cork, told in month-by-month observations of the natural world. Tranquil and beautifully written, it is a book in the finest tradition of writing on rural life and the natural world. In tracing the course of a full year, from January to December, Damien Enright captures the special atmosphere of the world in which he has chosen to live and which he loves with such obvious passion. A paragraph at random: 'Yesterday, after the weekend of half light, the weather changed again and it was a beautiful, flashing day, as sharp as Siberia but, down by the south-facing sea, as warm as Spain. Backed into a sunny corner, I again watched the kittiwakes dance over the whitecaps. Sprats, birds and seals were still at Coolbawn strand. Television wildlife, for all its joys, cannot compare with the reality.' Damien Enright's writing has drawn praise from Alice Taylor, Aidan Higgins, Tim Severin and Dick Warner, among others. *A Place Near Heaven* will establish him in the very first rank of Irish nature writers.

About the Author Damien Enright is a journalist, television writer-presenter and broadcaster. He has written a nature column in the *Irish Examiner* for more than ten years, has written and presented *Enright's Way*, a three-part series for RTE television, and is the author of five walking guides to County Cork.