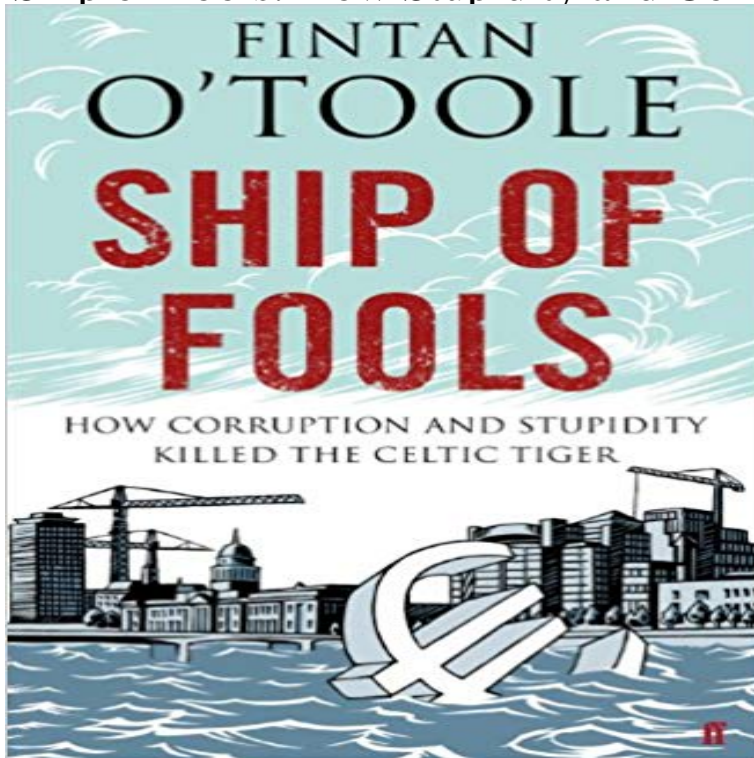


Ship of Fools: How Stupidity and Corruption Sank the Celtic Tiger



Between 1995 and 2007, the Republic of Ireland was the worldwide model of successful adaptation to economic globalisation. The success story was phenomenal: a doubling of the workforce; a massive growth in exports; a GDP that was substantially above the EU average. Ireland became the world's largest exporter of software and manufactured the world's supply of Viagra. The factors that made it possible for Ireland to become prosperous - progressive social change, solidarity, major State investment in education, and the critical role of the EU - were largely ignored as too sharply at odds with the dominant free market ideology. The Irish boom was shaped instead into a simplistic moral tale of the little country that discovered low taxes and small government and prospered as a result. There were two big problems. Ireland acquired a hyper-capitalist economy on the back of a corrupt, dysfunctional political system. And the business class saw the influx of wealth as an opportunity to make money out of property. Aided by corrupt planning and funded by poorly regulated banks, an unsustainable property-led boom gradually consumed the Celtic Tiger. This is, as Fintan O'Toole writes, a good old-fashioned jeremiad about the bastards who got us into this mess. It is an entertaining, passionate story of one of the most ignominious economic reversals in recent history.

Agradable ruta realizada junto al Bilbao Alpino que parte desde la localidad alavesa de Guinea, en la vertiente Sur de la sierra de Arkamo y que discurre por las cimas de Olvedo, Pelistornes y Cantoblanco.

Desde Guinea el camino es muy evidente, ya que las dos primeras cimas están muy cerca y separadas por un pequeño collado. Su subida es corta y casi directa y está señalizada justo a la salida del pueblo.

Al Olvedo se llega relativamente rápido. A pesar de que las nubes a veces nos impiden apreciar las vistas, el paisaje se intuye precioso.

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Para pasar del Olvedo al Pelistornes tan sólo tenemos que cruzar el collado y llegaremos en apenas 10 minutos a nuestra segunda cima del día.

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Una vez coronadas las cimas anteriores hay que continuar la travesía en dirección a la al Cantoblanco, que se asciende

tras un durillo cortafuegos.

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Desde la cima tenemos justo en frente el Montemayor, máxima altura de la vecina sierra de Arkamo.2017-01-22_13-00-09

Finalmente, iniciamos el descenso hacia la curiosa localidad de Salinas de Añana...

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...donde podremos completar la ruta con una visita a las propias Salinas.

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Una ruta de unos 15 kilómetros sin dificultades reseñables. Únicamente se hace necesaria logística de vehículos. De no tener esta facilidad entonces es mejor realizar únicamente la subida al Olvedo y Pelistornes.

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Bueno, un nuevo año que ha pasado y uno nuevo que acaba de comenzar. 2016 fue un año muy intenso, si bien los retos que nos marcamos en un principio sólo se vieron cumplidos en una tercera parte. No fue un buen año para ellos, ésta vez la alineación de planetas se generó en pocas ocasiones.

Sin embargo, no decaemos. Cogemos el testigo y no vamos a desistir en su intento, por lo que los retos que no conseguimos cumplir en 2016 serán los que tratemos de realizar en 2017, más algunos otros, a ver qué os parecen. Seguir leyendo

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