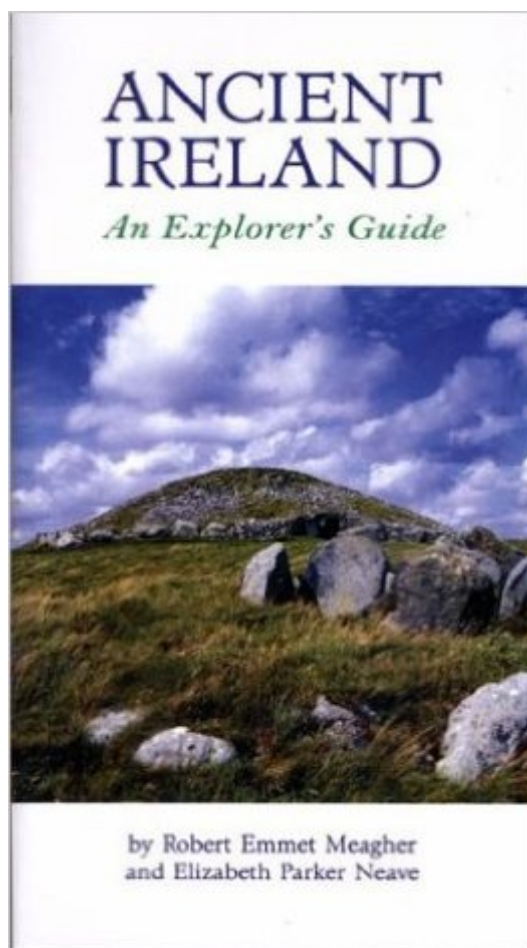


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wonderful carvings), and Glendalough ( just south of Dublin). Again I think these are a good selection of the best known sites. There are maps of the individual sites. However there is just one overall map that shows the 3 routes on one page.

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