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An Irish childhood

The GAA is the most important socio-cultural movement in Ireland, our nation's spiritual core.

I grew up in a GAA household and a GAA area. To me, playing and following hurling and football was as natural as eating or sleeping (and almost as pleasurable). It was the simplest yet most profound expression possible of my Irishness. And in contrast to the horrors of the Troubles, it was benign, positive and fun.

Darragh McManus, writer.



GAA Confidential

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

GAA Confidential (Everything you never knew you wanted to know about Gaelic games) is a humorous sports book by Darragh McManus, an Irish journalist and author. It was published by Hodder Headline Ireland in April 2007.

The book takes a broad look at the [Gaelic Athletic Association](#), and attendant Irish culture, and is divided into sections: The Introduction, The History, The Set-up, The Games, The Competitions, The Fans, The Media, The Arts & Culture, The Look, and The Other Stuff That Wouldn't Fit Anywhere Else.

GAELIC SPIRIT 2

Who is Darragh McManus ? (job, nationality)

What sports did he play when he was a child ?

What adjectives does he use to describe his activities?

Why were these sports important to him?

What's his definition of the GAA?

Give the title of a book he wrote : _____

What sort of book is it?

When was it published? _____

What is it about?

What sports can you see on the book cover? _____
