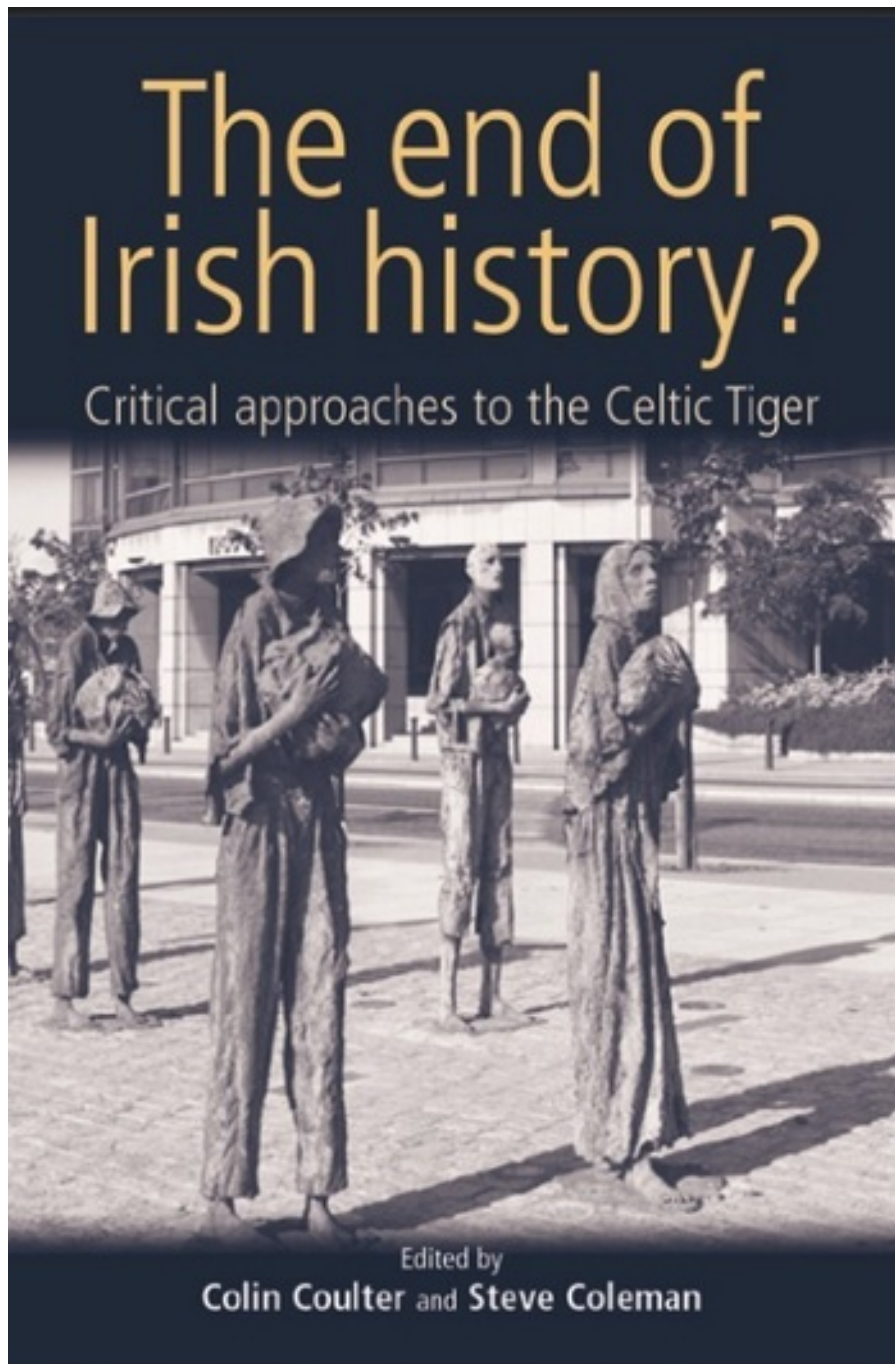


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Abstract Ireland appears to be in the throes of a remarkable process of social change. Over the last decade, the apparent casualty has been dramatically reversed. In recent years, it has become commonplace for the Irish Republic to be compared to other western European states. The purpose of this exciting new book is to systematically scrutinise the interpretation of the metaphor of the 'Celtic Tiger'. The standpoint of the book is that a more critical approach to the course of development is needed. The essays collected here set out to expose the fallacies that drive the fashionable rhetoric of Tigerhood. Four of the fallacies are: that everyone is benefiting from the economic recovery, that personal freedom and liberty are being restored, that Ireland is experiencing a period of strong cultural renaissance - are vigorously challenged. An esteemed list of contributors is included. [More](#)

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