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THE SALMON IN THE SPRING

*The Ecology of
Celtic Spirituality*



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with a foreword by

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Here at the end of the Cenozoic Era with the life systems withering away, a surprising creativity appears, a kind of mystical balancing act. The world's spiritual traditions are entering into deeply engaged conversations through which the riches of each are ignited in new ways. With *The Salmon in the Spring*, Jason Kirkey has boldly carved out his place in this exciting work with his original interpretations of the concepts and stories of ancient Ireland . . . Kirkey's vision speaks directly to our present ecological challenge. Rejecting those nature-denying forms of spirituality that have been used too easily to justify our domestication of the planet, *The Salmon in the Spring* announces its thrilling spiritual foundation: "Our wild nature is our soul."

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