

NATURAL WONDERS

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY

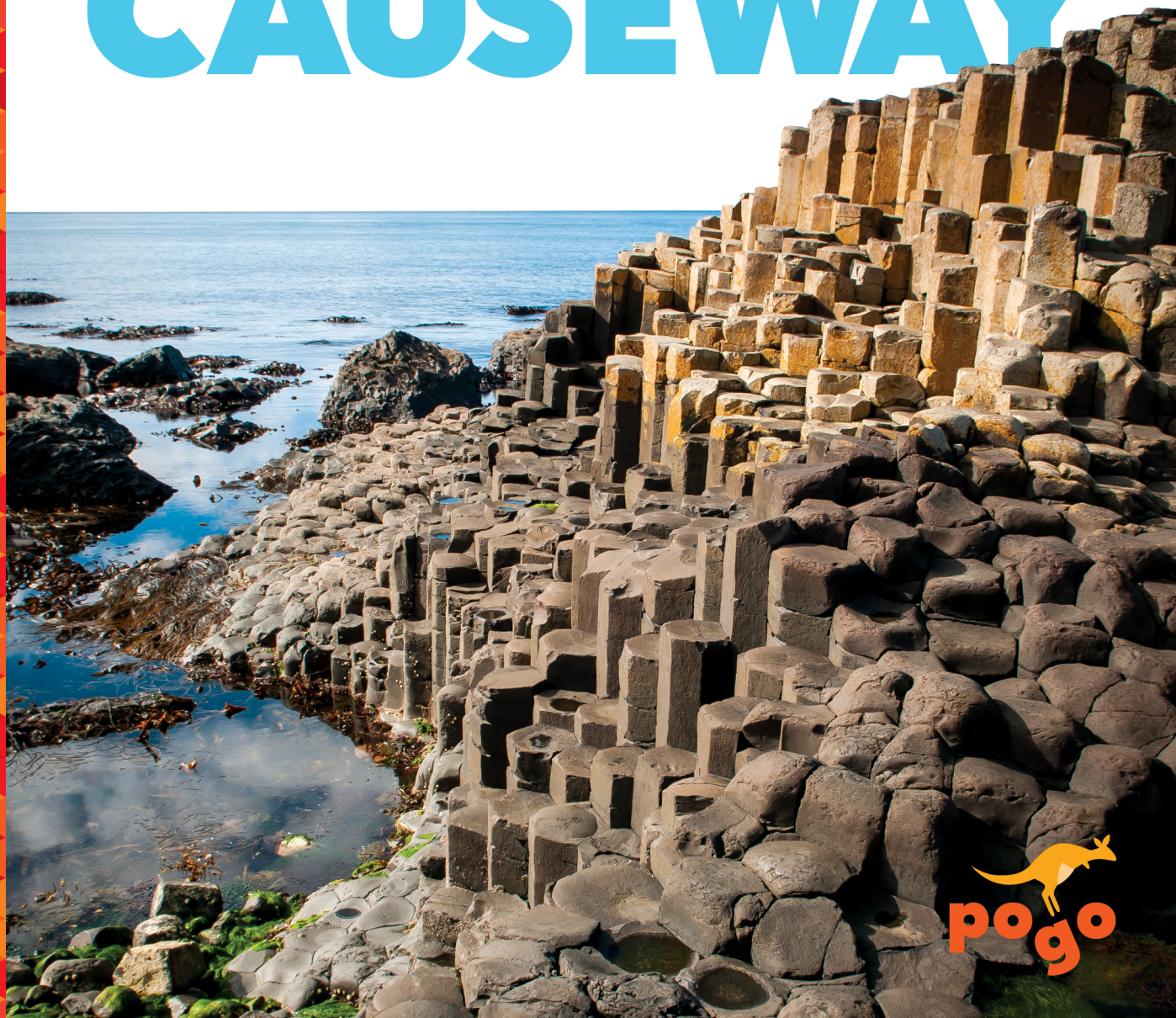


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CHAPTER 1

ROCKY COLUMNS

Waves crash against Northern Ireland's shore. It is covered in rocky columns. What is this place? It is the Giant's **Causeway**! The columns stretch nearly four miles (6.4 kilometers) along the northern coast.



column

There are more than 40,000 rock columns here. Most are hexagon-shaped. They have six sides. Others have five or seven.

hexagon





People travel here from around the world. Why? They want to see the unique rocks. They walk along them.

CHAPTER 2

HOW IT FORMED

The Causeway's name comes from Irish **folklore**. A giant named Finn McCool is said to have put the rocks here.

Finn
McCool





Stories say Finn threw rocks into the water. They formed a bridge from Northern Ireland to Scotland. Why did people think this? There are similar columns at Fingal's Cave in Scotland.

Fingal's Cave