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Editorial Review

Review

Rain Dogs has been shortlisted for the 2017 Edgar Award, the 2016 Theakston Crime Novel of the Year Award, the 2016 Ned Kelly Award, the 2017 Barry Award and the CWA Ian Fleming Steel Dagger Award 2016

In Rain Dogs Det. Insp. Sean Duffy must solve the equivalent of a locked-room mystery in McKinty's scorching fifth installment in his excellent Troubles-set Northern Irish crime series (after 2015's Edgar Award Shortlisted *Gun Street Girl*)....McKinty expertly balances Duffy's tense and suspenseful investigation with the political tensions of the region.

- *Publishers Weekly* (*starred* review)

The chronicles of Carrickfergus detective Sean Duffy open a sardonic portal to 1980s Belfast; every detail [of Rain Dogs] rings true, from the persistent threat of mercury-tilt car bombs to the complex criminal motivations that breed in a climate of unrest...McKinty manages a second locked-room success and folds in the recent headline-snatching Jimmy Savile scandal to boot; another great standout in a superior series, combining terrific plotting with evocative historical detail

- *Booklist* (*starred* review)

Challenged with the second locked-room -- locked-castle really -- mystery of his career, Duffy pursues answers in his usual manner: resolute and incisive until every aspect and angle of the truth shakes out. He is pleasurable full of quips, wry and dry, observing his Daisy-Dukes-sporting neighbor "smoking Benson and Hedges in a way that would have cheered the heart of the head of marketing at Philip Morris," and telling Lawson that their aggravating colleague, Frank Payne, is "as fine an example of nominative determinism as you'll ever get." McKinty captures the mood and flavor of a city perpetually under siege, the life of a detective during wartime [and he] also excels at scene-grabbing set pieces: this novel opens on a terrific one with a massive crowd -- including Bono -- fixated on a visit from Muhammad Ali. McKinty's decision to expand the series beyond the original trilogy has breathed new energy and vigor into his novels: Duffy's not just growing naturally into this larger space, he's taking us right along with him.

- *The Boston Globe*

McKinty has all the virtues: smart dialogue, sharp plotting, great sense of place, well-rounded characters and a nice line in what might be called cynical lyricism ("Rain. Wind. The afternoon withering like a piece of fruit in an Ulster pantry.") If Duffy's relentless patter occasionally makes you feel like you're trapped in a lift with a stand-up comedian, well, those dreary steeples cry out for a little antic distraction. Be warned, though. Rain Dogs is Gateway McKinty: you won't stop here.

- *The Irish Times*

Adrian McKinty is on a roll. His last novel in the Sean Duffy series set during the Troubles in Northern Ireland, *Gun Street Girl*, has been shortlisted for an Edgar award by the Mystery Writers of America. The latest, *Rain Dogs*, does not disappoint. The dark humour, the verbal jests, and the seamless insertion of real

historical figures and events into the fictional narrative are all superbly sustained...This is clever historical fiction with the bite of social commentary and the joy of a crime series at its zenith.

- *The Sydney Morning Herald*

The tension between McKinty's competing love of tight, formal puzzles and loose, riffing dialogue is what makes the Duffy novels such a tremendous joy.

- *The Guardian*

A classic plot with modern twists...[another] thoroughly engaging crime novel set in Northern Ireland

- *The Sunday Times (London)*

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PRAISE FOR THE DETECTIVE SEAN DUFFY NOVELS:

“When it comes to Northern Irish crime fiction, Adrian McKinty forged the path the rest of us follow. The Sean Duffy series is the culmination of a career spent examining our darkest moments, and McKinty is the only crime writer who can do justice to our singular history.”

—STUART NEVILLE, author of *Those We Left Behind*

“Shot through with a smart, crackling humor that manages to be both dark and witty. . . . [Sean Duffy] is utterly and pleasurable human.”

—*BOSTON GLOBE*

“Exceptionally smart police procedurals.”

—BOOKLIST FOUR STARRED REVIEWS!

“A great writer. . . . Don't miss any of the [series].”

—NANCY PEARL, NPR commentator and bestselling author of *Book Lust*

“Dark, intriguing, but still somehow witty novels. . . . A thrilling, thoroughly fantastic murder mystery with countless twists and turns that take readers to the darkest parts of Belfast.”

—*RT BOOK REVIEWS*

About the Author

Adrian McKinty is the author of eighteen novels, including the Detective Sean Duffy novels *The Cold Cold Ground*, *I Hear the Sirens in the Street*, *In the Morning I'll Be Gone*, *Gun Street Girl*, and *Rain Dogs* and the standalone historical *The Sun Is God*. *The Cold Cold Ground* won the Spinettingler Award. *I Hear the Sirens in the Street* won the Barry Award and was shortlisted for the Ned Kelly Award. *In the Morning I'll Be Gone* won the Ned Kelly Award and was selected by the American Library Association as one of the top-10 crime fiction novels of 2014. *Gun Street Girl* was shortlisted for the Anthony, Ned Kelly, and Edgar Awards. *Rain Dogs* was shortlisted for the Edgar Award, Dagger Award, Ned Kelly Award and the Theakston Old

Peculier Crime Novel of the Year Award. Born and raised in Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland, McKinty was called "the best of the new generation of Irish crime novelists" in the *Glasgow Herald*.

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