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The outstanding poet of her generation.--Stephen Knight "The Independent "

Morrissey is one of a number of younger poets from Northern Ireland who are negotiating the mixed blessing of having such illustrious antecedents as [Derek] Mahon and Seamus Heaney. To honour such inheritance requires all the confidence and care of a high-wire act . . . Morrissey is more than up to the task.--Paul Batchelor "The Guardian "

"Parallax" is an ambitious and complex collection . . . Structurally, the poems are beautiful: riddled with subterranean passages and false doors, they're easy places to lose your intellectual footing . . . [Morrissey] feels like one of the country's leading poets.--Charlotte Runcie "The Telegraph "

### About the Author

**Sinéad Morrissey** was born in 1972 and grew up in Belfast, Northern Ireland. She is the author of five poetry collections: *There Was Fire in Vancouver*, *Between Here and There*, *The State of the Prisons*, *Through the Square Window*, and *Parallax*. She has been the recipient of the 2013 T. S. Eliot Prize, the Patrick Kavanagh Poetry Award, the Irish Times Poetry Now Award, a Lannan Literary Fellowship, and first place in the 2007 UK National Poetry Competition. She teaches creative writing at the Seamus Heaney Centre for Poetry, Queen's University, Belfast.

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