

PAUL LYNCH

*“Paul Lynch is who we need now to tell us about our contradictory world...
It's no surprise that since his debut he has been compared with the American
writer Cormac McCarthy.” —Sunday Times (Ireland)*

Paul Lynch is the award-winning author of five novels. His latest, *Prophet Song*, was published in 2023 to raving praise and won the Booker Prize, as well as being shortlisted for the An Post Irish Novel of the Year. The Booker Prize jury called the novel “soul-shattering... truly a masterful work.”

Paul’s debut novel, *Red Sky In Morning*, was published to critical acclaim on both sides of the Atlantic in 2013. It was a finalist for France’s Prix du Meilleur Livre Étranger (Best Foreign Book Prize) and was nominated for the Prix du Premier Roman (First Novel Prize). In the US, it was an Amazon.com Book of the Month and was featured on NPR’s *All Things Considered*.

His other work includes *The Black Snow*, which won the French booksellers’ prize Prix Libr’ à Nous for Best Foreign Novel, the inaugural Prix des Lecteurs Privat, and was nominated for the Prix Femina and the Prix du Roman Fnac (Fnac Novel Prize). He is also the author of *Grace*, which *The Washington Post* calls “a moving work of lyrical and at times hallucinatory beauty... that reads like a hybrid of John Steinbeck’s ‘The Grapes of Wrath’ and Cormac McCarthy’s ‘The Road.’” *Grace* won the Kerry Group Irish Novel of the Year and was shortlisted for the Walter Scott Prize and the William Saroyan International Prize. In France, it was shortlisted for the Prix Jean Monnet for European Literature, among other prizes. It was a book of the year in the *Guardian*, the *Irish Independent*, *Kirkus*, and *Esquire*. In 2019, Paul published *Beyond the Sea*, of which the Sunday Times praises as having “echoes of Melville, Dostoyevsky and William Golding.” It was chosen as a book of the year in the *Irish Independent* and in 2021, it was published to wide acclaim in France where it won the 2022 Prix Gens de Mers.

Paul was born in Limerick in 1977, grew up in Co Donegal, and lives in Dublin. In 2024, he was appointed Distinguished Writing Fellow at Maynooth University and was elected to Aosdána, which honors artists who have made outstanding contributions to the creative arts in Ireland.

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