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Review

"Brian Friel is undoubtedly one of the finest playwrights working in the English language today." --*Daily Telegraph*

"Of all contemporary authors, there is no one I admire more highly than Brian Friel." --Peter Brooke

About the Author

Brian Friel was born in Omagh, County Tyrone (Northern Ireland) in 1929. He received his college education in Derry, Maynooth and Belfast and taught at various schools in and around Derry from 1950 to 1960. He is the author of many plays that have taken their place in the canon of Irish Literature, including *Philadelphia, Here I Come!* (1964), *Lovers* (1967), *Translations* (1980), *The Communication Cord* (1982), and *Dancing at Lughnasa* (1990). In 1980 he founded the touring theatre company, Field Day, with Stephen Rea.

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