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About the Author

Enda Walsh is a multi-award-winning Irish playwright. He lives in London. His work has been translated into over twenty languages and has been performed internationally since 1998. His recent plays include *Ballyturk* and *Room 303* at the 2014 Galway International Arts Festival; *Misterman*, presented by Landmark Productions and Galway International Arts Festival in Ireland, London and New York (2011–2012); and several plays for Druid Theatre Company, including *Penelope*, which has been presented in Ireland, America and London, from 2010–2011, *The New Electric Ballroom*, which played Ireland, Australia, Edinburgh, London, New York and LA from 2008–2009, and *The Walworth Farce*, which played Ireland, Edinburgh, London and New York, as well as an American and Australian tour, from 2007–2010. He won a Tony Award in 2012 for writing the book for the musical *Once*, seen on Broadway, in the West End and on a US tour. His other plays include *Delirium* (Theatre O/Barbican), which played Dublin and a British tour in 2008; *Chatroom* (National Theatre), which played at the National Theatre and on tour in Britain and Asia (2006–2007); and *The Small Things* (Paines Plough), which played London and Ireland (2005). His early plays include *Bedbound* (Dublin Theatre Festival) and *Disco Pigs* (Corcadorca). His film work includes *Disco Pigs* (Temple Films/Renaissance) and *Hunger* (Blast/FILM4), winner of the Camera d'Or at the 2008 Cannes Film Festival.

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