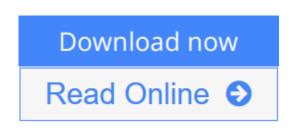


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#### About the Author

Bestselling author John Connolly became acquainted with crime and violence from an early age. The son of a public servant and a teacher, he was born in 1968 in Rialto, Dublin, a city he describes as "a dumping ground for drug addicts for a long time...it was pretty much ground zero for the heroin epidemic that swept Dublin in the seventies and early eighties." He then became a freelance journalist for the *Irish Times Newspaper* after graduating from Trinity College in Dublin. His debut novel, *Every Dead Thing*, was published in 1999 to critical acclaim, taking home the Bram Stoker Award for Best First Novel and the Shamus Award for Best Private Eye Novel.

Since then, he has written eleven books in the Charlie Parker Series, several stand-alone novels, and a slew of short stories. Connolly cites veteran authors Ross Macdonald, James Lee Burke, and Ed McBain as the main influences on his rich and introspective prose style. He currently divides his time between his native Ireland and the United States.

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