

Molly McCloskey



Molly McCloskey was born in Philadelphia and grew up in Oregon. She moved to Ireland in 1989. Having spent ten years on the west coast of Ireland, she now resides in Dublin. She is the author of a novel, *Protection*, and two short story collections – *Solomon's Seal* and *The Beautiful Changes*. Her short stories have won a number of prizes, including Ireland's RTE/Francis MacManus Award. Novelist Rachel Cusk, writing in *The Telegraph*, described her stories as written in 'a beautiful, confident, metaphorical prose, always attentive to the concrete, and yet capable of sustained interior illumination.'

Her first work of non-fiction – a memoir about her brother's schizophrenia and its effects on him and on the family – was published by Penguin in the UK and Ireland, and will be published in the US by Overlook Press in 2012.

As a journalist, essayist and reviewer, McCloskey is a regular contributor to the *Irish Times* and the *Dublin Review*. Her work has also appeared in the *Guardian*, *ELLE*, *Five Dials* and elsewhere, and has been broadcast on RTE and BBC Radio. She has served as Writer Fellow at Trinity College Dublin, and has worked in the field of international aid in the UN's Kenya-based Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs for Somalia. She is a member of Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs' Rapid Response Corps, a roster from which UN agencies draw personnel for short-term emergency deployments around the world.