

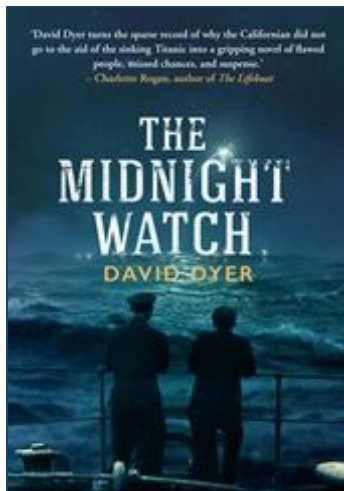
THE 2017 MCKITTERICK PRIZE

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The 2017 McKitterick Prize, given to an author over the age of 40 for a debut novel, has been awarded to **DAVID DYER** for **THE MIDNIGHT WATCH (Atlantic Books)**. The prize of £4,000 was presented by Ben Okri at the Society of Authors' Authors' Awards, held at the Army & Navy Club on 20 June.

The judges this year were Frances Fyfield, Amer Hussein and Christina Koning. They also commended runner-up **AUSTIN DUFFY** for **THIS LIVING AND IMMORTAL THING (Granta)**.



WINNER

DAVID DYER for **THE MIDNIGHT WATCH (Atlantic Books)**

David Dyer spent many years as a lawyer at the London legal practice whose parent firm represented the *Titanic's* owners in 1912. He has also worked as a cadet and ship's officer on a wide range of merchant vessels, having graduated with distinction from the Australian Maritime College. He now teaches literature in Sydney. This is his first novel.

An extraordinarily compelling exploration of guilt and responsibility. The Midnight Watch takes familiar events and makes them new. Christina Koning

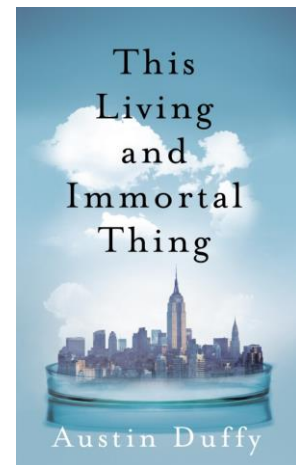
RUNNER-UP

AUSTIN DUFFY for **THIS LIVING AND IMMORTAL THING (Granta)**

Austin Duffy grew up in Ireland and studied Medicine at Trinity College Dublin. He is a practicing medical oncologist at the National Cancer Institute in Washington DC, where he lives with his wife and two children. In 2011, Duffy was awarded RTE's Francis MacManus award for his short story 'Orca'.

Illuminating and tender, it is the story of a city, of cancer, the ultimate triumph of life, and the redemptive power of mice.

Frances Fyfield



ABOUT THE AWARD

The McKitterick Prize, first awarded in 1990, and endowed by the political journalist Tom McKitterick, is given annually to an author over the age of 40 for their debut novel, published or unpublished.

For previous winners please see

<http://www.societyofauthors.org/Prizes/Fiction/McKitterick/Past-winners>

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