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Review

'Martin McDonagh's cruel, but not altogether heartless comedy [and] the sly viciousness and in-bred eccentricity of McDonagh's smalltown anti-heroes.' Daily Telegraph (10 November 2008)

From the Inside Flap

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About the Author

Martin McDonagh's first play *The Beauty Queen of Leenane* was the 1996 winner of the George Devine Award, won the Writer's Guild Award for Best Fringe Play and the Evening Standard Award for Most Promising Newcomer. The play was nominated for six Tony awards, of which it won four, and the Laurence Olivier Award.

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