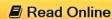


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Fortunately, he has a competent, caring network of friends, family and neighbors: Lisa, his unlucky-in-love classmate, who moves in with him to help him care for little Frankie around the clock; his American cousin, Emily, always there with a pep talk; the newly retired Dr. Hat, with more time on his hands than he knows what to do with; Dr. Declan and Fiona and their baby son, Frankie's first friend; and many eager babysitters, including old friends Signora and Aidan and Frankie's doting grandparents, Josie and Charles.

But not everyone is pleased with the unconventional arrangement, especially a nosy social worker, Moira, who is convinced that Frankie would be better off in a foster home. Now it's up to Noel to persuade her that everyone in town has something special to offer when it comes to minding Frankie.

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Editorial Review

From Booklist

Reading a Maeve Binchy novel is like settling in for a cozy visit with an old friend. In vintage Binchy style, a cast of colorfully eccentric characters living in a snug Dublin neighborhood seamlessly weave in and out of each other's lives, united by family, faith, friendship, and community. When a young alcoholic learns he has fathered a child with a dying woman, he must step into the role of father, protector, and provider to his infant daughter, Frankie, in a matter of weeks. Determined to succeed, though totally unprepared for his new responsibilities, Noel gets an essential assist from his visiting American cousin. Exercising her tremendous gifts of organization and insight, Emily cobbles together a neighborhood support system, featuring a few familiar faces from previous Binchy books. As everybody begins to mind Frankie, a suspicious social worker pokes her nose in where it doesn't belong, attempting to dredge up any dirt she can on Noel and his slightly unorthodox network of babysitters. Readers will need a box of tissues handy as the good-hearted residents of St. Jarlath's Crescent prove that it does indeed take a village to raise a child. --Margaret Flanagan

Review

Acclaim for Minding Frankie:

"Joyful, quintessential Binchy." —O, The Oprah Magazine

"All across America, Maeve Binchy fans will be kicking off their shoes, making a nice cup of tea, and curling up on the couch as they re-enter Binchy's cozy world." —The Seattle Times

"In Minding Frankie Binchy proves again why she's the master of the intelligent comfort novel." —The Plain Dealer

"One of Binchy's best works. She harmoniously handles a diverse group of characters, the good deeds that characterize life in Ireland are believable, and the ending is sweet." —Newark Star-Ledger

"A comforting experience. . . . Warmhearted." — The Denver Post

"Binchy's worldview is a large, benevolent one, and the reader is happier for it. . . . Bless her big Irish heart." —*Minneapolis Star Tribune*

"Maeve Binchy has done it again [with] yet another warm tale of individual growth and human community, [in which] she assembles a large cast of characters and deploys them with her characteristic playfulness . . . Binchy specializes in exploring human foibles without spelling them out in tiresome detail . . . There's a good chance that many readers, like this one, will consider *Minding Frankie* one of Binchy's best novels yet." —*BookPage*

"Solid, reliable, and comforting in its familiarity, delivering to Binchy fans what they have come to expect from her novels. . . . A reminder of the author's savvy ability to deliver what her loyal following has come to expect." —The Irish Times

"Absorbing. . . . Teems with colorful characters whose concerns and connections are depicted with heart and humor. . . . New readers of Binchy will succumb to the appeal of the heartwarming tradition longtime fans

love to love." —*The Free-Lance Star* (Fredericksburg, VA)

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"A remarkably gifted writer and a wonderful student of human nature." —The New York Times Book Review

"A modern-day women's writer in the Jane Austen sense." — Standard-Times (New Bedford, MA)

"Binchy makes you laugh, cry, and care. Her warmth and sympathy render the daily struggles of ordinary people heroic and turn storytelling into art." —*The San Francisco Chronicle*

"An author of exceptional grace [with] a wickedly subtle sense of humor and a great deal of kindness."

—The Boston Globe

"Maeve Binchy is a benevolent god of a novelist. . . . She can channel Irish voices with the best of them, and each of these voices has its own twisting story to tell. . . . often with verve and humor." — The Columbus Dispatch

"Binchy is a grand storyteller in the finest Irish tradition. [She] has a true gift of creating characters we either know or wish we knew. . . . A perfect escape." —Cleveland Plain Dealer

"Only a curmudgeon could resist this master of cheerful, read-by-fire comfort." —Kirkus Reviews

"Reading one of Maeve Binchy's novels is like coming home." —The Washington Post

About the Author

MAEVE BINCHY was born in County Dublin and educated at the Holy Child convent in Killiney and at University College, Dublin. After a spell as a teacher she joined *The Irish Times*. Her first novel, *Light a Penny Candle*, was published in 1982, and she went on to write more than twenty books, all of them best sellers. Several have been adapted for film and television, most notably *Circle of Friends* and *Tara Road*, which was an Oprah's Book Club selection. She was married to the writer and broadcaster Gordon Snell for thirty-five years, and died in 2012 at the age of seventy-two.

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