

OISÍN MCGANN



Oisín McGann was born in Dublin in 1973 and spent his childhood there and in Drogheda, County Louth.

When he left art college in 1992, he set himself up as a freelance illustrator. In 1998, he moved to London and worked in advertising as an art director and copywriter. After three and a half years he returned to Ireland and now works full time as a writer and illustrator.

Oisín has written three teen novels for Random House Children's Books; *Small Minded Giants*, *Ancient Appetites* and *Strangled Silence*.

Small Minded Giants is a futuristic thriller-adventure set in a volatile environment of restricted energy and resources. It was described as: 'One of the most original and thought provoking books I've reviewed in ages.' in *Books for Keeps*, where it got five stars out of five. In 2007, it was included in the Education Secretary's Top 160 Books for Boys.

Ancient Appetites portrays a Dickensian world with subtle futuristic elements and was shortlisted for the 2008 Waterstone's Children's Book Prize, with John Lloyd saying: 'The talent of Oisín McGann's writing becomes all too apparent when both the leading and supporting characters are as distinctive and convincing as one another.'

His most recent book, *Strangled Silence*, has been described as 'a brilliantly written thriller' on RTE Radio 1. A gripping story about a young journalist, a war veteran and a conspiracy theorist who stumble across what seems to be the biggest and most terrifying government cover up in history.

EVENTS

AUDIENCE

Oisín is happy to visit schools and libraries in Ireland and the UK.

He will speak to boys and girls age 12+ and is happy to speak to audiences from 10-200 children depending on the format of the event.

FORMAT

Oisín will either do a standard talk and signing event which can be to a larger audience or a writing workshop to a smaller group of up to 20.

The talk and signing lasts for 1 hour. Oisín will talk about why he decided to be a writer and what inspires him and will include a reading from one of his books and a drawing.

The writing workshop runs for a minimum of one and a half hours and is aimed at pupils who are keen to pursue writing as a career or hobby. Oisín will discuss ideas, tips and hints on writing novels and relies on interaction with the pupils.

Oisín will also talk to adult audiences about writing for teens and related issues – see the Articles page on his website for more information.

COSTS

Oisín charges £200 for a full day plus travel expenses. These rates are the standard rates but can be negotiated depending on circumstances.

CONTACTS

If you would like to book an event with Oisín please email him at:
contactme@oisinmcgann.com

PUBLICITY MATERIAL

The following material is available for events:

-Posters

-Author Packs

To request this material please contact:

childrenspublicity@randomhouse.co.uk

BOOKS FOR SALE

If you would like to sell books at your event please contact your local bookshop who will can provide you with copies on a sale or return basis.

LINKS

To find out more about Oisín McGann and his complete range of books you can visit his website:

www.oisinmcgann.com

To find out more about Oisín's Random House books please visit the kids website:

www.kidsatrandomhouse.co.uk

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