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**\*Starred Review\*** A headless torso found in a suitcase presents just the kind of case Detective Inspector Sean Duffy of the Royal Ulster Constabulary wants to pursue, even after he's ordered to let it go. When the victim is identified as an American poisoned with a rare plant, and the suitcase is found to have belonged to Martin McAlpine—an army reservist and brother of a baronet killed months earlier, presumably by the IRA—the case becomes even more interesting, especially after the detective who did a perfunctory investigation of McAlpine's murder reopens that case and is himself murdered. It's 1982, when violence in Northern Ireland threatens to escalate after Britain's invasion of the Falkland Islands pulls away troops that support the RUC. In this pitch-perfect sequel to *The Cold Cold Ground* (2012), the second in the author's Troubles Trilogy, Duffy is nearly overwhelmed by politics. This is crime fiction at its best: a police procedural with dialogue that's crisp and occasionally lighthearted; blistering action that's often lethal; McKinty's mordant Belfastian wit; and a protagonist readers won't want to leave behind when the trilogy ends. --Michele Leber

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- **Winner! Barry Award for Best Paperback Original, 2014**
- **#3 on *Booklist's* The Year's Best Crime Novels /Top Ten Crime Fiction**
- **Shortlisted for 2013 Ned Kelly Awards, Best Crime Novel**
- **Longlisted for the Theakston Best British Crime Novel Award**

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"*I Hear the Sirens in the Street* blew my bloody doors off!"

—**IAN RANKIN**, author of the Inspector Rebus novels

"Adrian McKinty has the chops to do all manner of things with words, and in *I Hear the Sirens in the Street* he unleashes a strain of rough and visual, sly and lyric narrative prose in service of one hell of a story. Sean Duffy is a great creation, a figure of many parts, and the place comes alive."

—**DANIEL WOODRELL**, author of *The Outlaw Album: Stories*

### About the Author

**Adrian McKinty** is the author of eighteen novels, including the acclaimed Detective Sean Duffy novels. *Rain Dogs* is a 2017 Edgar® Award nominee. *Gun Street Girl* was shortlisted for the Anthony, Ned Kelly, and Edgar® Awards. *The Cold Cold Ground* won the Spinezingler Award. *I Hear the Sirens in the Street* won the Barry Award and was shortlisted for the Ned Kelly Award. *In the Morning I'll Be Gone* won the Ned Kelly Award and was selected by the American Library Association as one of the top-10 crime fiction novels of 2014. McKinty is also the author of the standalone historical *The Sun Is God*. Born and raised in Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland, McKinty was called "the best of the new generation of Irish crime novelists" in the *Glasgow Herald*.

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