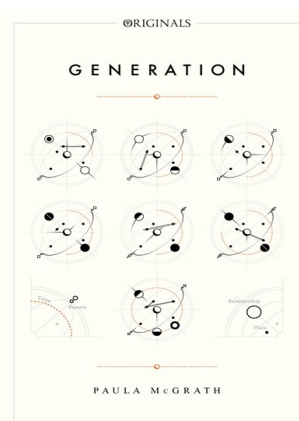


Praise for **Generation**



Published by JM Originals (an imprint of John Murray Publishers)
July 2015

Selected by Sinead Crowley, Arts Correspondent, RTE Top 10 Books of 2015
Amazon Rising Star for 2015
Sue Leonard Books Ireland pick of books by first-time writers 2015

Particularly impressive is the skilful way McGrath delineates her characters . . . A glass of wine is described as “pouring redemption”, and such imagery reflects McGrath’s love throughout for the resonances of language . . . Mark Richards, editorial director with JM Originals, McGrath’s publisher, has said the imprint is “a space where risks can be taken and hunches can be backed, because literary careers make sense over the long-term”. Such support for innovation and ambition should be commended – as should McGrath’s determination to realise her literary vision.

— **Freya McClements, Irish Times**

‘Paula McGrath’s debut novel doesn’t lack in ambition. Over the course of 80 years and three generations, a series of vignettes tell the tales of immigrants affected by the actions of a mother who leaves Ireland for life in Chicago.’

— **Shortlist Magazine**

‘. . . this unusual novel seems almost a collection of testimonies, moving from witness to witness, slowly piecing together the past. No single generation can see the importance of the events they recount; only the reader has all the necessary facts and perspective to see the full picture.’

— **Rebecca Franks, We Love This Book**

'Irish Authors You Need to Know: There have been comparisons to Donal Ryan, and her subject matter... may appeal to fans of Anne Enright.'

— **Sinead Gleeson, Image Magazine**

2015 in Books: *'From Ireland to Illinois, Paula McGrath's short novel, Generations (John Murray, July) delivers interlinked stories of multiple characters as they seek to rebuild their lives after loss.'*

— **Sarah Gilmartin, The Irish Times**

'Spanning generations and continents on an epic scale in a short space, Paula McGrath's ambitious, sensitive novel, Generations (JM Originals, July) has been compared to the Spinning Heart by Donal Ryan because of its similarly revolving points of view. McGrath is also a graduate of the MFA in Creative Writing at UCD and has had several short stories already published.'

— **Claire Coughlan, Irish Independent**

John Boyne (via Twitter): 'Very impressed by @paulamcgrath_'s novel GENERATION @J_M_Originals It's quite complex but v. readable, an extremely original piece of writing.'

Danielle McLoughlin (via Twitter): 'Just finished Generation by @paulamcgrath_ Captivating and beautifully written. Highly recommend it!'

Sinead Crowley, RTE (via Twitter): 'Just finished @paulamcgrath_ Generation. Loved every minute, Unravelling Oliver with a splash of Room. Check it out!'

Today with Sean O'Rourke, RTE Radio One, Monthly Books Roundup: 'a real up-and-coming new writer, one to watch.'