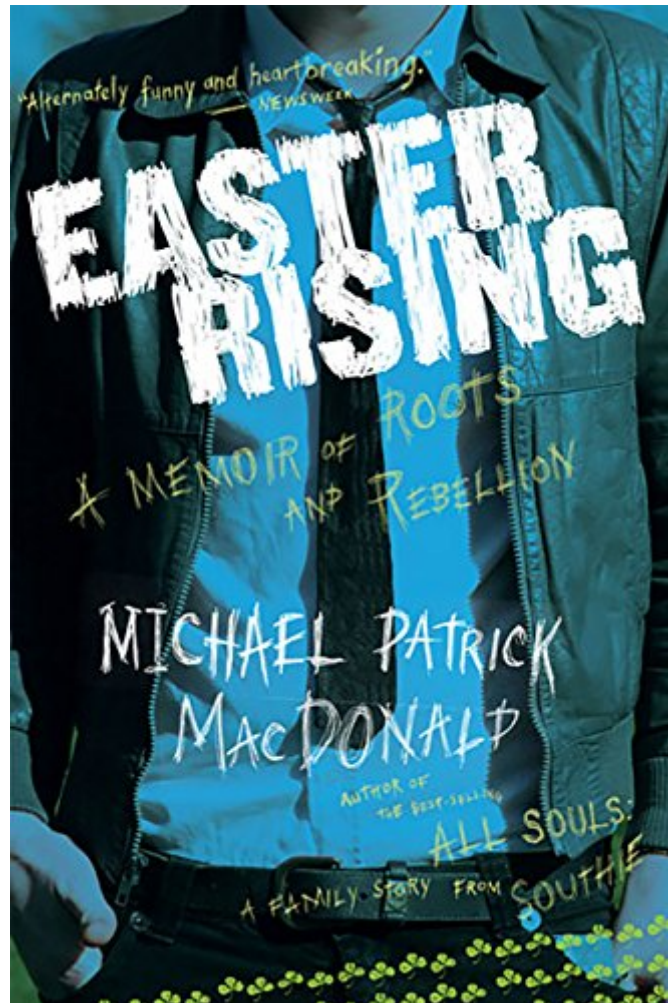


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# Easter Rising: A Memoir Of Roots And Rebellion



## Synopsis

In *All Souls*, Michael Patrick MacDonald told the story of the loss of four of his siblings to the violence, poverty, and gangsterism of Irish South Boston. In *Easter Rising* he tells the story of how he got out. Desperate to avoid the "normal" life of Southie, Michael reinvents himself in the burgeoning punk rock movement and the thrilling vortex of Johnny Rotten, Mission of Burma, and the Clash. At nineteen MacDonald escapes further, to Paris and then London. Out of money, he contacts his Irish immigrant grandfather -- who offers a loan, but only if Michael will visit Ireland. It is this reluctant journey "home" that offers MacDonald a chance at reconciliation -- with his heritage, his neighborhood, and his family -- and a way forward.

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I almost never read memoirs, they just aren't that interesting to me. But for some reason this one caught my eye and I decided to give it twenty pages or so. Those twenty pages didn't grip me, but they were enough to make me give it another twenty pages, and on in that vein until I was halfway through the book. MacDonald's previous book (*All Souls: A Family Story from Southie*) was apparently all about the hard life growing up in Boston's Irish-Catholic "Southie" neighborhood (as

seen in movies such as *The Departed*, *Mystic River*, *Boondock Saints*, *Good Will Hunting*, *Gone Baby Gone*, and many more). I didn't read that book, but now that I've read this, it's hard to imagine what it would contain that's not in this one. MacDonald writes well in his own voice, as he describes how he "got out" of the cycle of poverty, drugs, crime, etc. that doomed so many of his siblings and friends.

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