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BELOVED AUTHOR MAEVE BINCHY PASSES AWAY

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It is with great sadness that we report the passing of [Maeve Binchy](#). This Irish author was beloved by readers worldwide, and will be remembered for her humorous take on small-town life in Ireland.

Binchy published her first novel, *Light a Penny Candle*, in 1982 after pursuing careers first as a teacher and then as a journalist. Although her first book was rejected by publishers five times, she never gave up hope. And we're glad she didn't! The author went on to sell 40 million books — among them the fan favorite *Circle of Friends*, which was adapted for the big screen in 1995. Praised for her natural storytelling ability, Binchy's witty and heartwarming tales helped her outsell even celebrated Irish writers such as Oscar Wilde and James Joyce. In fact, according to an online [BBC News Article](#), readers who took part in 2000's World Book Day poll ranked Binchy as more popular than both classic authors, such as Jane Austen, and contemporary ones, such as bestseller [Stephen King](#). Binchy published her final book, *Minding Frankie*, in 2010.

Early this week, the author passed away at the age of 72 after a short illness. She leaves behind her husband, children's book writer Gordon Snell. Maeve Binchy will be missed by book lovers around the world.

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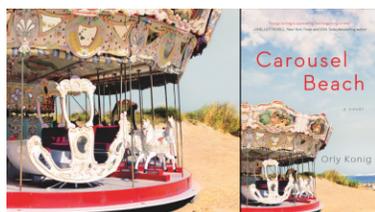
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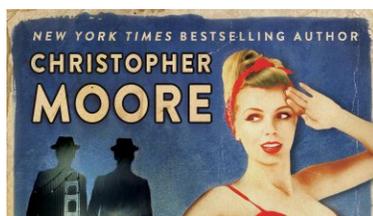
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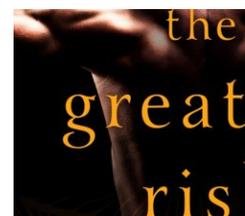
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