

## NOTES ON CONTRIBUTORS

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**Seamus Heaney's** most recent book of poems, *Human Chain*, was published in 2010 and his earliest, *Death of a Naturalist*, in 1966. After holding lectureships in Queen's University, Belfast, and Carysfort College, Dublin, in the 1980s and 90s, Heaney taught for a term each year at Harvard and served as Boylston Professor of Rhetoric and Oratory from 1984 until 1996. During this period, he continued to publish poetry, prose, and translations, including *Station Island*, *Seeing Things*, *The Cure at Troy* (a version of Sophocles' *Philoctetes*), and *The Redress of Poetry* (lectures given during his years as Professor of Poetry at Oxford, 1989-1994). Since the award of the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1995 – “for works of lyrical beauty and ethical depth” – Heaney has published four further volumes of poetry (*The Spirit Level*, *Electric Light*, *District and Circle*, and *Human Chain*) as well as a translation of the Old English epic *Beowulf* and *The Burial at Thebes*, a translation of Sophocles' *Antigone*. An overall view of his work is available in *Opened Ground*, a volume of his selected poems, and *Finders Keepers: Selected Prose 1971-2001*. A book of interviews with him, conducted by Dennis O'Driscoll, was published in 2008, entitled *Stepping Stones*.

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