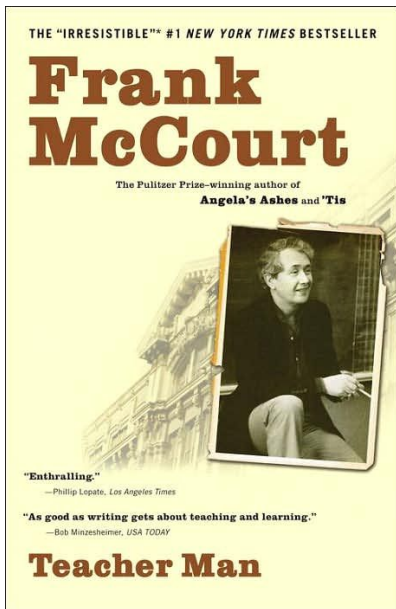


# Presenting “Teacher Man”

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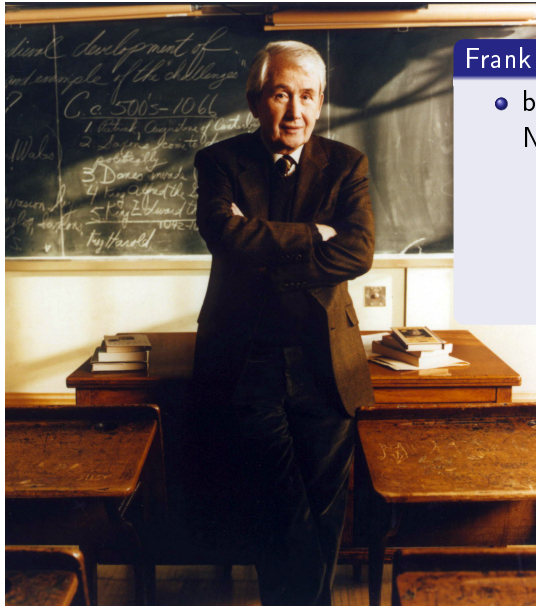
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- 3<sup>rd</sup> book of biographical series
- published 2005
- about 300 pages

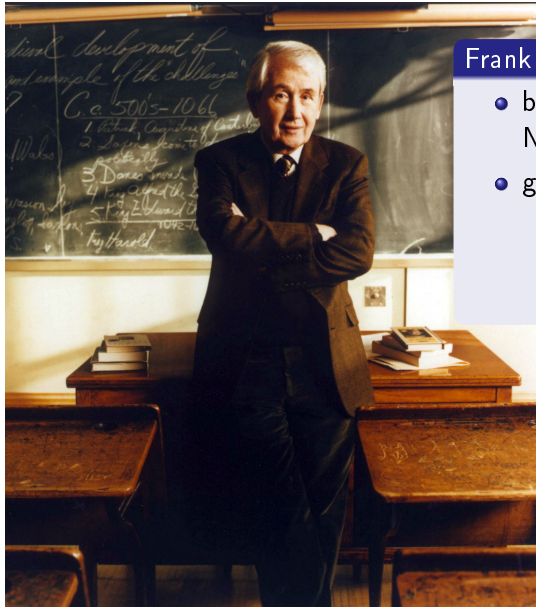
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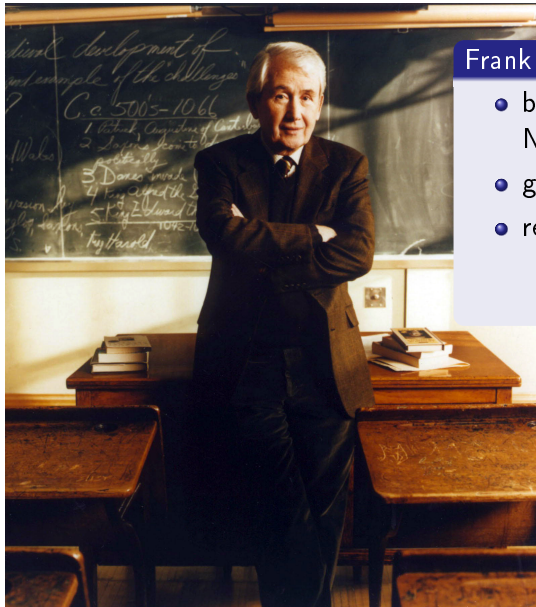
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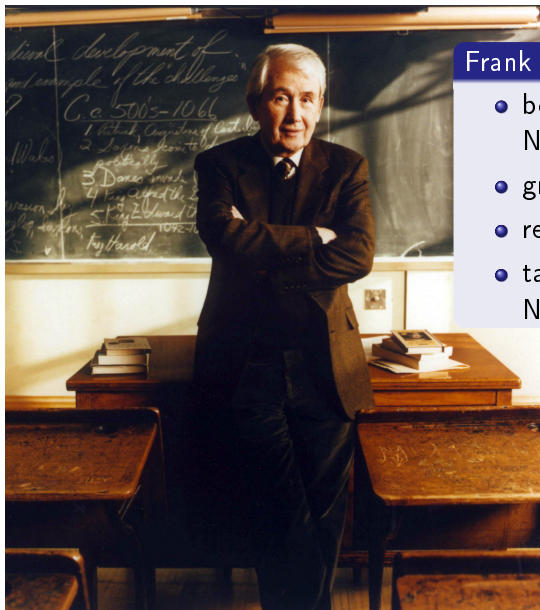
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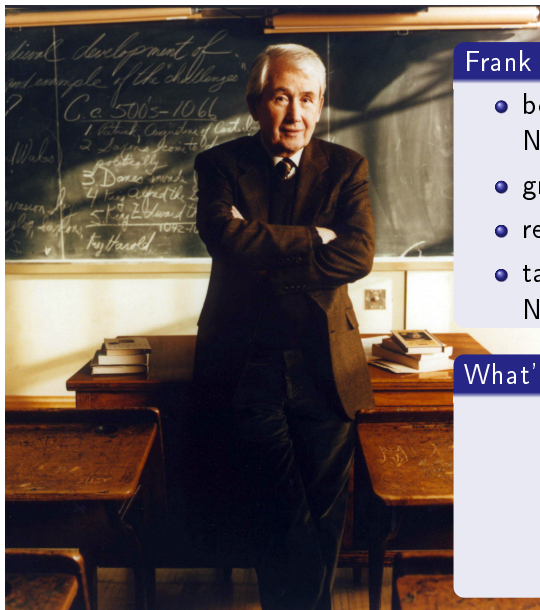
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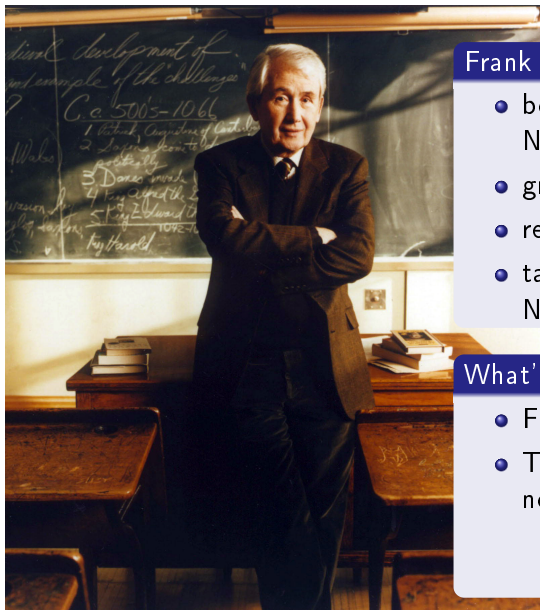


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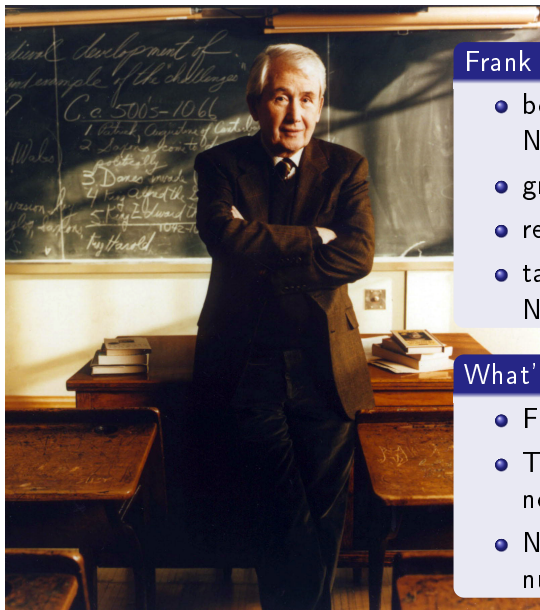
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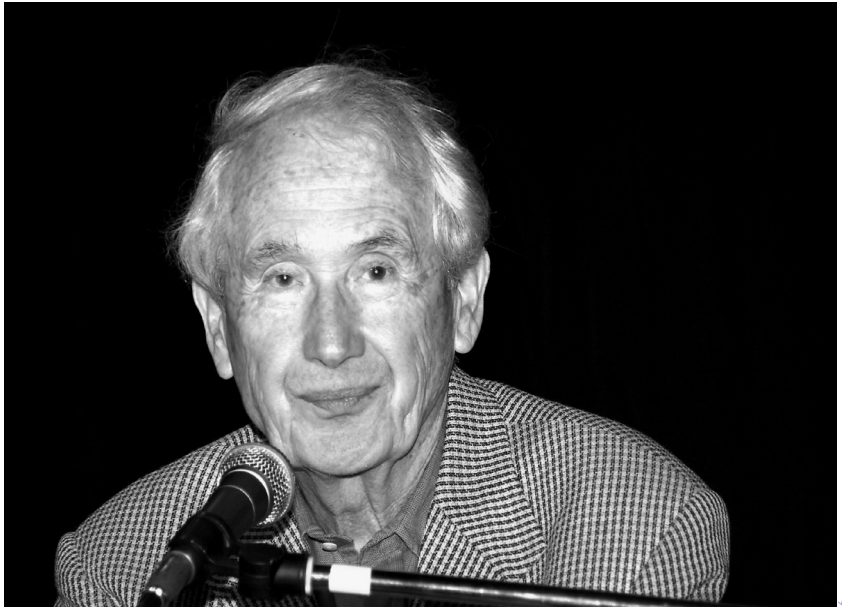
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Everybody loves photos!



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# Topics covered in the book

## Subjects

- English
- English as a Second Language
- Creative Writing

## Personal

- affair
- lack of ambitions
- failed to get a degree from Trinity College, Dublin
- short psychoanalytic treatment
- divorce

# Coming to an end

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*I'll try.*

This is the start of “Angela’s Ashes”

# Pretty depressing. Why did you choose that book?

- read “Angela’s Ashes”, liked it
- was on reading of Frank McCourt
- not too long, 300 pages is quite ok
- quite recent book, so understandable english

# Nah. Bad choice!

Unfortunately, yes.

## Reasons

- not half as good as “Angela’s Ashes”, too few fun
- that period in Frank’s life was rather boring
- 300 pages is too much if the book is uninteresting

## Recommendations

- Read “Angela’s Ashes”
- Watch the “Angelas’s Ashes” movie
- Just forget about Frank McCourt, “Teacher Man” and all that

# Where did you get that information?

## Sources

- read book itself
- read “Angela’s Ashes” also by Frank McCourt
- “Teacher Man” cover ripped from somewhere in the internet (Google Image search anyway)
- Same goes for the photograph of Frank McCourt in the classroom
- Black&white photograph taken from Wikimedia Commons
- Most facts about the author from Wikipedia

# Done!

That was all. Thanks for listening.