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WHO WILL BUY THIS BOOK?	Those interested in rites de passage, schooldays, & Ireland

When an eleven-year-old English boy arrives in Southern Ireland, walking on his hands and quoting Shakespeare, the natives begin to treat him with suspicion.

The town he finds himself in is a small mid-century (1950) maelstrom of snobbery, nationalism, sexual repression and quaint quintessential Irish intolerance, presided over by a clergy, discharging duties of guidance and tutelage with unparalleled fervour. It also has a spectral madman, wandering the Wicklow Mountains, calling to the moon for his young wife who has been buried alive in the bogs.

Avoiding the clutches of the madman and with a pathological desire to avenge all wrongs, be they big or small, real or imagined, he embarks on a mission to win the bemused community to his side. Perhaps trying to murder the meretricious Plunkett brothers isn't the best way to go about it.

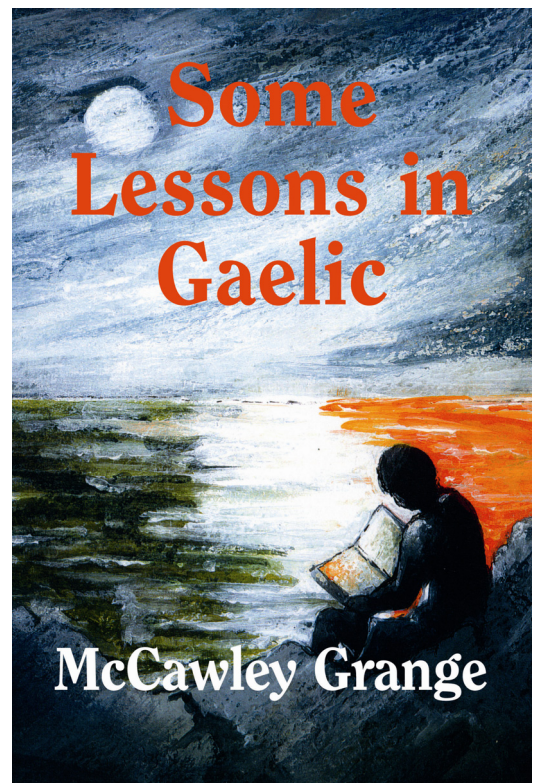
Do we ever see ourselves as others see us? But guided by the gentle Brother Mulligan and the impish but morally sound Poppy Boyle, the boy begins to come to terms with himself and with others and after some harsh lessons, earns through rite of passage, his first steps to adolescence.

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

McCawley Grange was born in York in 1940. At the age of ten he emigrated with his family to County Wicklow, Eire, whereupon the family began to suffer financial hardship. Leaving school at thirteen years of age he worked in the building trade, then as a hotel worker and gardener and on his return to York in 1956, successively as a linesman, factory worker and builder.

At age seventeen, following a row with his father, he left home for London, where for a time he lived and worked with the Irish labouring fraternity. Returning to York, he joined the Fire Service in 1962 and after twenty-five years left the service with the rank of Assistant Divisional Officer. Following this, he spent two years with the Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) organization building 'low cost' housing in Kenya.

Now retired, he lives in York with his wife, two children and four grandchildren employing much of his time playing golf and writing. *Some Lessons in Gaelic* is his first book.



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