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From National Book Award-winner and Pulitzer Prize Finalist Alice McDermott, *The Ninth Hour* is the critically-acclaimed haunting and vivid portrait of an Irish Catholic clan in early twentieth century America (The Associated Press). One of TIME Magazine's Top Ten Novels of the Year A 2017 Kirkus Prize Finalist A New York Times Book Review Notable Book On a dim winter afternoon, a young Irish immigrant opens a gas tap in his Brooklyn tenement. He is determined to prove to the subway bosses who have recently fired him, to his pregnant wife that the hours of his life . . . belonged to himself alone. In the aftermath of the fire that follows, Sister St. Saviour, an aging nun, a Little Nursing Sister of the Sick Poor, appears, unbidden, to direct the way forward for his widow and his unborn child. In Catholic Brooklyn in the early part of the twentieth century, decorum, superstition, and shame collude to erase the man's brief existence, and yet his suicide, though never spoken of, reverberates through many lives testing the limits and the demands of love and sacrifice, of forgiveness and forgetfulness, even through multiple generations. Rendered with remarkable delicacy, heart, and intelligence, Alice McDermott's *The Ninth Hour* is a crowning achievement of one of the finest American writers at work today.

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