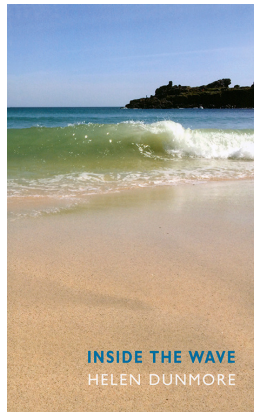


2017 COSTA BOOK OF THE YEAR



Inside the Wave by Helen Dunmore

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About the book:

To be alive is to be inside the wave, always travelling until it breaks and is gone. These poems are concerned with the borderline between the living and the dead – the underworld and the human living world – and the exquisitely intense being of both. They possess a spare, eloquent lyricism as they explore the bliss and anguish of the voyage.

About the author:

Helen Dunmore was a poet, novelist, short story and children's writer. Her poetry books have been given the Poetry Book Society Choice and Recommendations and won several prizes including the Cardiff International Poetry Prize, the Alice Hunt Bartlett Award and the Signal Poetry Award. Her poem 'The Malarkey' won the 2010 National Poetry Competition. She published three books of short stories and fifteen novels - most recently, *Birdcage Walk* in 2017. She died in June 2017.

What the judges said:

“An astonishing set of poems – a final, great achievement.”