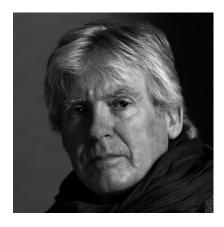


# David Harsent

Writer

David Harsent is a critically acclaimed poet, novelist and librettist. Under the pseudonyms David Lawrence, David Pascoe and Jack Curtis he has published thrillers that have been translated into fifteen languages, and has worked extensively for the BBC and ITV (see David Lawrence). His most recent collection of poems, FIRE SONGS, won the 2015 T.S. Elliot Poetry Prize.



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## Publications

#### Poetry

Publication Details	Notes
SKIN	Poetry Collection
2024	
Faber	

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A BROKEN MAN IN FLOWER 2023 Bloodaxe Books	Yannis Ritsos (1909–90) is generally considered to be – along with Cavafy, Seferis and Elytis – one of the most significant Greek poets of the last century. His life was, to say the least, troubled. From an early age, he was dogged by the tuberculosis that killed his mother and brother. His father and sister suffered breakdowns and spent time in institutions. His poem Epitaphios (1936), a lament for a young man shot dead by the police during a tobacco workers' strike, was publicly burned by the Metaxas regime and his books banned. During the post-World War Two civil war – because he sided with the left – Ritsos was arrested and sent to prison camps. Then, in 1967, when the Papadopoulos military junta took control of the country, he was again arrested, again his books were banned, again he spent time in prison camps, before being confined to house arrest on the island of Samos. The violence and tyranny of dictatorship is often fractured by the surreal. In the poems collected here, written by Ritsos while in prison and under house arrest, that fracture in perception is a wound. A Broken Man in Flower has an introduction by John Kittmer and includes the text of an illuminating and vivid letter sent by Ritsos to his publisher in 1969 while under house arrest on Samos describing his life – and the lives of Greeks – under the repressive rule of the Colonels. David Harsent's thirteen collections have won a number of awards, including the Forward Prize, the T.S. Eliot Prize and the Griffin International Prize. He is also a librettist: his collaborations with composers, chiefly with Harrison Birtwistle, have been performed at major venues worldwide.	
<b>SALT</b> 2017 Faber	Written as David Harsent.	
FIRE SONGS 2014 Faber	*Winner of T.S. Eliot Poetry Prize (2015). Written as David Harsent.	
IN SECRET - VERSIONS OF YANNIS RITSOS 2012 Enitharnon	Written as David Harsent.	
<b>NIGHT</b> 2011 Faber	Shortlisted for the Costa Book Prize (poetry), the T.S. Eliot Prize, and nominated for the Forward Proze 2011. Written as David Harsent.	
<b>SELECTED</b> <b>POEMS 1969-</b> <b>2005</b> 2007 Faber	In an illustrious career, David Harsent has published eight collections of poetry, from "A Violent County" in 1969 to "Legion", winner of the Forward Prize in 2005. This selection, made by the author himself, draws upon the full arc of his career and offers an outstanding concentration of, and introduction to, the full range and powers of this distinguished poet.	

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<b>TRUCE</b> 1973 Refer to United Agents	Written as David Harsent.
A VIOLENT COUNTRY 1968 OUP	Arts Council Bursary Written as David Harsent.

# Fiction

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DOWN INTOWritten as David Lawrence.DARKNESSThe naked body of a young woman is found hanging from a tree on a Lo2007roadside. Scrawled across her back, the words 'DIRTY GIRL'. Detective SMichael JosephStella Mooney and the AMIP 5 squad are faced with a murder as baffling chilling. With no means to identify the victim and no apparent motive, th is blocked, untilA man is found on a bench by the river, his throat cut I the vertebrae. And, as before, the killer has left a trademark comment: ' 	
<b>COLD KILL</b> 2005 Michael Joseph	A Stella Mooney Crime Novel. Written as David Lawrence.
NOTHING LIKE THE NIGHT 2005 Michael Joseph	A Stella Mooney Crime Novel. Written as David Lawrence.
THE DEAD SIT AROUND IN A RING 2004 Michael Joseph	A Stella Mooney Crime Novel. Written as David Lawrence.
FOX ON THE RUN 1999 Orion	Written as David Pascoe.

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THE CONFESSOR 1997 Orion	Written as Jack Curtis.
<b>MIRRORS KILL</b> 1996 Bantam	Written as Jack Curtis.
<b>CONJURE ME</b> 1992 Bantam	Written as Jack Curtis.
SONS OF THE MORNING 1992 Bantam	Written as Jack Curtis.
<b>GLORY</b> 1989 Bantam	Written as Jack Curtis.
<b>CROWS'</b> <b>PARLIAMENT</b> 1988 Bantam	Written as Jack Curtis.

## Other

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ANOTHER ROUND AT THE PILLARS: A FESTSCHRIFT FOR IAN	Written as David Harsent	
HAMILTON (ed.)		
1999		
Refer to United Agents		
Gawain	Libretto	
1991	Written as David Harsent	
Refer to United Agents		
FROM AN INLAND SEA	Novel	
1986	Written as David Harsent	
Viking		