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# FAITH HEALER

By Brian Friel

*'Faith healer - faith healing - occasionally it worked - and when it did, when I stood before a man and placed my hands on him and watched him become whole in my presence, those were nights of exultation, of consummation.'*

For one night only - the fantastic Frank Hardy - FAITH HEALER!

On tour for twenty years, visiting villages and market towns the length and breadth of the land - accompanied by his long-suffering wife, Grace, and his smooth-talking manager, Teddy - administering help to the sick, and sometimes working miracles. But Frank's not sure of his gift, and Grace and Teddy have their own views on whether he has a gift at all.

As his characters' stories unfold, Friel weaves their conflicting versions of the healer's performance and the terrible event that binds them into an evening of powerful and atmospheric storytelling.

A mesmerising meditation on art, language and memory by the award-winning writer of *Translations* and *Dancing at Lughnasa*.

*'Intricate and self-contradicting, a narrative that has the addictive pull of a detective yarn.'*

THE NEW YORK TIMES

*'Brian Friel is the most profound and poetic of contemporary Irish dramatists'*

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**Martin Jenkins**  
**Angela McGowan**  
**Stephen Ley**

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