



## COLM TÓIBÍN MOVES TO PENGUIN WITH HIS NEXT NOVEL

London 7 October 2008... Penguin announced today that Viking has acquired two new novels and a collection of short stories by Colm Tóibín from Peter Straus at Rogers Coleridge and White. Tóibín's new novel is entitled *Brooklyn* and will be published by Editorial Director, Mary Mount in the UK and Ireland in May 2009 by Viking.

*Brooklyn* tells the powerful story of young Eilis Lacey who emigrates from a small Irish town to Brooklyn in the 1950s. *Brooklyn* is a novel of great love and loss, and of the terrible choice between personal freedom and duty. In the character of Eilis Lacey, Colm Tóibín has created a remarkable heroine and in *Brooklyn* a novel of devastating emotional power.

Colm Tóibín has twice been short-listed for the Man Booker Prize for *The Blackwater Lightship* (1999) and *The Master* (2004). *The Master* won The International Impac Dublin Literary Award (2006). He is the author of five previous novels, collections of short stories and many works of non-fiction. He lives in Dublin.

Venetia Butterfield, Publishing Director of Viking said, "We are thrilled that Colm Tóibín will be joining Viking. He is one of the finest living writers and we are delighted to welcome a writer of his stature and prowess to the Viking list. *Brooklyn* is his greatest novel yet and he will touch every reader with a heart."

Colm Tóibín said, "Like many other people, I educated myself courtesy of Penguin books. And I have marvelled over the years at how the original idealism and sense of excellence have been maintained and built on. I am delighted now to be part of that list."

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