

**Time of the Child Time**

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Book Discussion

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Niall Williams is an Irish novelist and playwright. His novel, **Time of the Child** takes place in the fictional rural Irish village of Faha in 1962. Faha is also the location for his previous novel, **This is Happiness** (2019). Williams has described **Time of The Child** as a companion piece to the earlier one, rather than as a sequel.

Some discussion thoughts for your consideration:

- Faha is described as a village that came into being “the day after the Deluge”. The time is December 1962. What ways do you see Faha as both a traditional place and one on the cusp of change?
- How does the Williams make this time in rural Ireland realistic?
- Consider the role of religion and that of the priests in Faha. What do you see changing and what staying as it has always been?
- What does the time of the child become at the Christmas Eve Mass that concludes the novel?