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Daniel Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne from 1917 until his death, aged ninety-nine, in 1963, was a towering figure in Melbourne's Catholic community. But his political interventions had a profound effect on the wider Australian nation too.

Award-winning biographer Brenda Niall has made some unexpected discoveries in Irish and Australian archives which overturn some widely held views. She also draws on her own memories of meeting and interviewing Mannix to get to the essence of this man of contradictions, controversies and mystery.

*Mannix* is not only an astonishing new look at a remarkable life, but a fascinating depiction of Melbourne in the first half last century.

**Brenda Niall** is one of Australia's foremost biographers. She is the author of four award-winning biographies, including her acclaimed accounts of the Boyd family. Brenda has degrees from the University of Melbourne, the Australian National University and Monash University. She has held visiting fellowships at the University of Michigan, Yale University and the Australian National University. In 2004 she was awarded the Order of Australia for 'services to Australian literature, as an academic, biographer and literary critic'. She frequently reviews for the *Age*, *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Australian Book Review*.

'Brenda Niall works up an engaging and fascinating portrait, seen through Mannix's involvement in key political and religious controversies. For readers interested in the political and cultural life of Australia during the first half of the 20th century, Niall's highly readable biography will reward handsomely.' *Books & Publishing*

'With characteristic insight, sensitivity, and tact, Niall confirms that Daniel Mannix is a major, if elusive, figure in the modern history of Australia, Ireland, and the Catholic Church...a balanced and convincing account of Mannix's life and times.' *Australian Book Review*

'Brenda Niall's central challenge was to uncover the personal face of Mannix from his public speeches...She does this modestly and penetratingly, raising questions and looking for consistencies and surprises.' *Catholic News*

'This is the best life of Mannix we have, superior to other attempts...Writing from inside the Melbourne Catholic experience, Brenda Niall shows how people's affection for Mannix muted their criticisms of him—even if they knew better. This is one of the significant strengths of a rich book.' *Global Pulse*

'I should say that I expected to take my time over this biography, as I usually do, reading a chapter every other day. But not so, I could not put it down.' ANZ LitLovers, blog

'For my money, Brenda Niall's *Mannix* is the most wise, shrewd and elegant biography yet produced of this complex and beguiling man. Niall's irresistible prose strengthens the candour of this fine book.' *Age*

'Calmly magisterial...Niall gives a sense of Mannix's greatness and of why we can still be awed by him.' *Australian*

‘An extraordinary man and an extraordinary book.’ *Weekly Times*

‘Among living Australian biographers, only Philip Ayres matches Brenda Niall for painstaking research serving narratives at once spirited and judicious...Dr Niall ignores nothing.’ *Spectator*

‘A biography should not keep you from your chores or have you up past the bedtime to which you’ve become accustomed. That is what thrillers and detective yarns are for...Brenda Niall’s wonderful telling of the life of Daniel Mannix has broken that mould...This book is the work of a master of the art of biography...Gripping.’ *Irish Echo*

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