

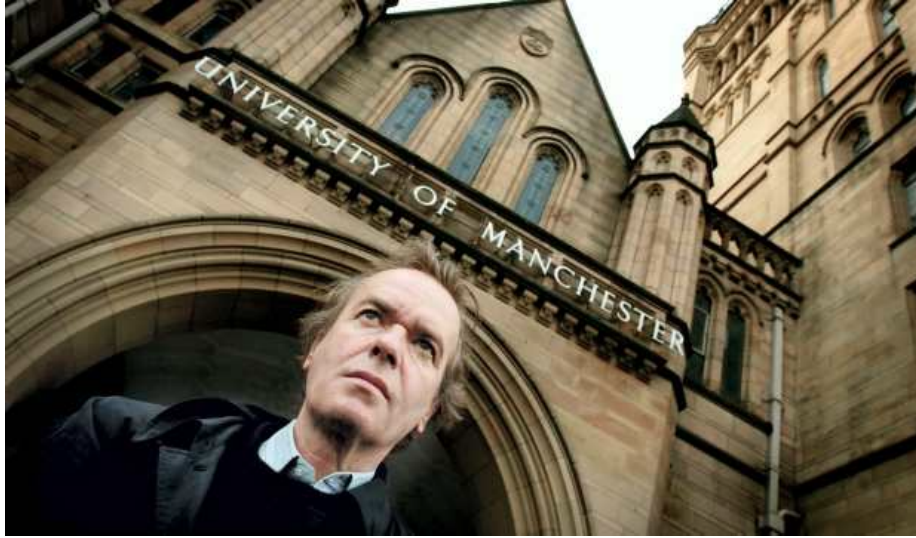
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MARTIN AMIS QUILTS £80K MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY POST TO MOVE TO NEW YORK

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Martin Amis is to leave his post at Manchester University in summer

Novelist Martin Amis is to quit his post at Manchester University. The outspoken author will step down as a creative writing professor this summer.

Earlier this month, London-based Amis confirmed plans to emigrate to America after purchasing a property in New York.

But speculation remained about whether he would live part of the year in Britain and continue his £80,000-a-year teaching job, which he has held since 2007.

It is now understood that he will leave the university at the end of academic year after his temporary contract expired.

Manchester University gained worldwide headlines after signing up the celebrated novelist to his first-ever teaching role in 2007.

Amis, 61, who commutes to Manchester every fortnight from his north London home, teaches an MA course in creative writing. Previous lectures have featured the works of fellow writers Vladimir Nabokov and Saul Bellow.

As well as teaching the course, which costs students £4,500 a year, Amis undertakes four public appearances at the university each year, debating literary issues with writers including Howard Jacobson and Melvin Bragg.

The latest such debate with writer Ian McEwan on February 7 will go ahead as planned.

Amis, author of *Money*, *Time's Arrow*, and *The Rachel Papers*, is known for his outspoken views on sex, religion and popular culture.

During his four years at Manchester, he has remained true to controversial form after crossing swords just months into his appointment with another of the university's academics, Terry Eagleton, a literary critic who used an essay to attack Amis for making alleged anti-Islamic statements. Amis rubbished the accusation, describing Britain as an 'extraordinarily successful multi-racial society'.

The M.E.N. also highlighted details of the writer's attractive salary at the university, revealing he received in the region of £80,000 for just 28 hours of contracted teaching.

Last month it emerged Amis, who has two young children with fellow writer Isabel Fonseca, had bought a property in an exclusive New York suburb.

And in a recent newspaper interview, Amis revealed: "We probably are moving to Brooklyn for family reasons, in the summer, but we'll keep a flat here." The M.E.N. was unable to contact the author last night.

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