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Honour for Distinguished Novelist Amis

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Novelist and man of letters Martin Amis this week received the honorary degree of DLitt (Doctor of Letters), in recognition of his services to literature.

Born in Oxford in 1949, Martin Amis wrote and published his first novel, *The Rachel Papers* (1973), while working as an editorial assistant at the Times Literary Supplement.

The novel won a Somerset Maugham Award in 1974 and was followed by *Dead Babies* in 1975. He was Literary Editor of the *New Statesman* between 1977 and 1979, publishing his third novel, *Success*, in 1978.

Regarded by many critics as one of the most influential and innovative voices in contemporary British fiction, Amis is often grouped with the generation of British-based novelists who emerged in the 1980s.

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