



Selected Later Poems

A prolific, relentlessly inventive, provocative and often hilarious poet, Peter Finch has published over twenty volumes of verse, as well as prose, including the alternative guide books, *Real Cardiff* and *Real Cardiff 2*. This *Selected Later Poems* follows his popular 1987 *Selected* with a choice of work from books published in the past twenty years.

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Peter Finch is Chief Executive of Academi, the Welsh National Literature Promotion Agency and Society of Writers. As a writer he works in both traditional and experimental forms. He is well known for his declamatory poetry readings, his creative work based on his native city of Cardiff and his encyclopedic knowledge of the UK poetry publishing scene.

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