



**King's to host award-winning author of *Say Nothing* and *Empire of Pain*,  
Patrick Radden Keefe on June 24**

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Award-winning writer Patrick Radden Keefe will appear at the University of King's College campus for an author talk and book signing on Tuesday, June 24.



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A celebrated longform journalist with *the New Yorker*, Keefe is also the author of *Empire of Pain*, an in-depth investigation of the opioid crisis and the Sackler family, and *Say Nothing*, an intimate narrative history of The Troubles in Ireland. *Empire of Pain* was awarded the Baillie Gifford Prize, shortlisted for the Financial Times Business Book of the Year, was a Barack Obama Favorite Book of the Year, and was listed as one of the 10 Best Books of 2021 by The Washington Post, Amazon, Slate, Vulture, People and Entertainment Weekly. It also provided material for the television show *Dopesick*, and Keefe appeared in *Crime of the Century*, a documentary on the opioid crisis. *Say Nothing*, which won the National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction, the Arthur Ross Gold Medal from the Council on Foreign Relations, and the Orwell Prize for Political Writing, was adapted for television in 2024 with FX for Disney Plus and Hulu, was nominated for multiple BAFTA Awards and won a Peabody Award in June 2025.

Keefe's work is an exemplar of contemporary creative nonfiction, both for its in-depth research and compelling narratives. His background—from an MSc at the London School of Economics to Yale Law School to a prestigious writing career—and a body of work telling the most urgent stories of our time make him one of the principal models of storytelling for King's MFA students. NPR notes that "Keefe's prose is masterful ... he has a preternatural gift for reading people. He recognizes that we're all unreliable narrators of our own lives and writes about his subjects with a keen sense of understanding" and *the Irish Times* says Keefe is "a brilliant storyteller."

Keefe's June 24 talk, titled "Writing about Rogues: Adventures of a Magazine Journalist," is based on his latest book *Rogues: True Stories of Grifters, Killers, Rebels, and Crooks*, a collection of his *New Yorker* feature pieces. He will appear for a book signing prior to the event and books will be available for sale from the King's Co-op Bookstore.

This event is free and open to the public with limited seating and will be [livestreamed](#).

## Event Details

**Patrick Radden Keefe**

**"Writing About Rogues: Adventures of a Magazine Journalist"**

University of King's College, New Academic Building

6350 Coburg Rd.

Halifax, N.S.

5:30 p.m.: Book signing, G. Peter Wilson Room

7 p.m.: Author talk, Alumni Hall

## About the University of King's College

Established in 1789, King's College is Canada's oldest chartered university and is associated with Dalhousie University. A small and extraordinarily lively academic community located in Halifax (Kjipuktuk), Nova Scotia, King's is known nationally and internationally for its highly acclaimed interdisciplinary programs in the humanities, including its renowned Foundation Year Program, its professional programs in journalism and its fine arts programs in creative writing.  
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## About the MFA Program

The University of King's College School of Journalism, [Writing & Publishing Program](#) offers two two-year limited residency Master of Fine Arts degrees, one in [Fiction](#) and one in [Creative Nonfiction](#), with over 80 books published by graduates to date.

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