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#### Review

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-David Wood, Vanderbilt University

"'Strangers, Gods, and Monsters along with the other two volumes in the trilogy, stands as an important contribution to the fields of religious theory and Continental philosophy. Moreover, Kearney's trilogy offers a thorough and insightful analysis of major issues and debates across disciplinary fields.'"

-Victor E. Taylor, York College of Pennsylvania, "Journal of the American Academy of Religion

#### About the Author

**Richard Kearney** is Professor of Philosophy at Boston College and University College Dublin. His publications include *On Stories*, *Wake of Imagination* and *Postnationalist Ireland* (all published by Routledge), and *Sam's Fall* (novel).

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