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#### Review

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Winner of the 2014 Type Directors Club Communication Design Award

#### Praise for Penguin Drop Caps:

"[Penguin Drop Caps] convey a sense of nostalgia for the tactility and aesthetic power of a physical book and for a centuries-old tradition of beautiful lettering."

—*Fast Company*

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"Drool-inducing."

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—*Redbook*

#### About the Author

**William Butler Yeats** was born in Dublin on June 13, 1865. Yeats attended school in London and in Dublin but spent his summers in Connaught, in the west of Ireland. Early in his career, Yeats was part of the fin de siècle in London and involved with Irish literary revival groups. His first book of poetry, *Mosada, A Dramatic Poem*, was published in 1886 followed by *The Wanderings of Oisín* in 1889. With Lady Gregory he founded the Irish Theater and served as the chief playwright. After 1910, Yeats's dramatic art drastically changed toward a more esoteric and experimental style, heavily influenced by the Japanese Noh plays. He was appointed to the Irish Senate in 1922 and received the Nobel Prize in 1923. His poetry volumes, in particular *The Wild Swans at Coole* (1919), *Michael Robartes and the Dancer* (1921), *The Tower* (1928), *The Winding Stair and Other Poems* (1933), and *Last Poems and Plays* (1940) distinguished Yeats as one of the most influential English language poets of the twentieth century. William Butler Yeats died on January 28, 1939 in Roquebrune, France and was buried in Ireland.

**Jessica Hische** is a letterer, illustrator, typographer, and web designer. She currently serves on the Type Directors Club board of directors, has been named a *Forbes Magazine* "30 under 30" in art and design as well as an ADC Young Gun and one of *Print Magazine's* "New Visual Artists". She has designed for Wes Anderson, *McSweeney's*, Tiffany & Co, Penguin Books and many others. She resides primarily in San Francisco, occasionally in Brooklyn.

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