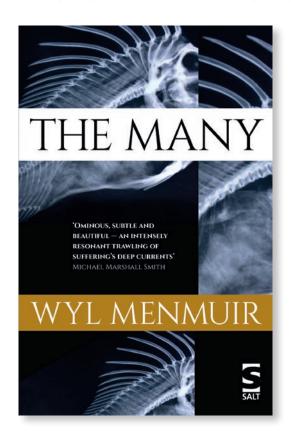


## Reader's Guide



The Many is Wyl Menmuir's first novel

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The Booker Prize Foundation About the author Wyl Menmuir is a literary consultant and editor and has worked as a journalist.

Tackling Gothic themes and English mysteries, his debut novel *The Many* is inspired by many of Britain's beaches and, in particular, research carried out at

the fishing port of Cadgwith on the Lizard Peninsula.

About the book On the surface, his move to the isolated village on the coast makes perfect

sense. But the experience is an increasingly unsettling one for Timothy Bucchanan. A dead man no one will discuss. Wasted fish hauled from a contaminated sea. The dream of faceless men. Questions that lead to further questions. What truth are the villagers withholding? What fuels their interest and

animosity towards him? And what pushes Timothy to dig deeper?

Discussion points What is the meaning of the title?

Discuss the role played by the tankers.

Is it the novelist's job to answer all the questions his or her novel asks?

Do you, as reader, always need to know exactly what is going on below the

level of action, or is it enough to realise that something is going on?

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