

Watching the Door: Drinking Up, Getting Down, and Cheating Death in 1970s Belfast By Kevin Myers **Watching the doorframe** I was also born and raised in Northern Ireland at the time they were happening so witnessed the tensions and have a fairly good understanding of the politics and mind set that existed at the time - something most books go to lengths to try to explain. **Book Watching the door county** What grabbed my attention with this book was that it didn't seem to be setting out to explain it.

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The loss the individuals and communities alike felt then - they still carry that with them now. **Book Watching the door to heaven** When I was five I ran up stairs at night to bed in a mad panic that a terrorist in a balaclava was watching me through the window in my hall ready to shoot! My five year old Godchildren don't have that fear - they are scared of the bogey men and fictional beasts which we can promise them sincerely do not exist - this was not something our parents could do for us!! Now we have something we didn't have back then - we have hope! 1593762356 Kevin Myers muistele teoksessaan Watching the Door: Drinking Up.

Watching the doorking software

If you read just one book about Northern Ireland make it this one. **Book Watching the doorbell** Like a forensic pathologist dissecting a rotting corpse Myers unflinchingly delves into the blood and guts of it puts its cancerous endemic corruption under the microscope and sheds the light of truth innocence and goodness on it both through the eyes of his youthful naive self and with the benefit of hard-earned wisdom and maturity. **Book Watching the doorbell** I read this just after re-reading M Scott Peck's People of the Lie and it strikes me that Myers's book is about the same subject: evil and the way it can corrupt the individual the group and the community. **Kindle Watching the doorbell** I grew up as IRA and UDA partisans were blowing each other and everyone around them to bits in Northern Ireland and not knowing the ancient and impenetrable hatreds that self-perpetuated and multiplied over the centuries it struck this American as colossally stupid. **Book Watching the doordash delivery** Two sets of Jesus-lovers killing each other ad nauseum and to no real end! Turns out that having these hatreds play themselves out in violent fashion right before your very eyes is no more illuminating as journalist KEVIN MYERS' outstanding memoir from these times Watching The Door - Drinking Up Getting Down and Cheating Death in 1970s Belfast makes abundantly clear. **Watching the Door publishing** Sure the Catholics of the time would tell you they had proximate cause - the presence of British troops in Northern Ireland - as would the Protestant defenders of the status quo especially once the bombs really started exploding in the early 1970s. **Watching the doori** Myers an Irishman brought up in England came back to Belfast in 1971 as an exceptionally low-paid newspaper and magazine writer to document what he and just about everyone else thought would be a short set of over-and-done skirmishes. **Watching the Door pdf** Yet Myers ended up becoming such a part of The Troubles themselves that he met everyone drank with everyone was threatened with death by just about everyone and was one man among few who got this close and actually escaped with his life. **EPub Watching the doordash** He was an early 20s young male interested primarily in women and drink and secondly and I think halfheartedly in the vogue Leftist politics that at that time very much identified themselves with the IRA cause. **Watching the doorframe** Quickly after some harrowing and up-close views of death including a British soldier shot and killed in front of him he has the pulse-quickening realization that he actually likes this line of work and he retroactively documents the follies and heedlessness of his youth - untold amounts of drink nameless sex with nameless girls and a sickening amount of death all rolled up into one big imperial pint glass of recklessness. **Watching the Door ebook free download** I knew there were senseless IRA incidents but I didn't know just how many people were murdered in places like Belfast

and Londonderry and Armaugh during the 1970s and just how often they were murdered simply for walking down the street or for purportedly talking to the wrong person. **Watching the doorjak 50** Myers gives them all their names names that otherwise would be forgotten to most historians and does his best at each turn to humanize the needlessly dead and the impact of their deaths upon their families. **Watching the doorco** At least he does this with the innocents; he also eviscerates the guilty and their stupidities with much wit and mocking and in retrospects suffers absolutely none of the many appalling fools he comes across. **Watching the Door ebook pdf** My favorite part was when he described the Irish dockworkers who were upset that a Japanese company had bought a port from an Irish company particularly one who dismissed the entire transaction with Fuck the Japanese. **Kindle Watching the doors roblox** Naturally I had to burble and sputter about this great book I'd read and she proceeded to lay out the miseries that she and what turned out to be her accompanying sister and cousin had witnessed. **PDF Watching the doors open** Put it this way - if you appreciate Christopher Hitchens who is the man who steered me to this book via a shout-out in his HITCH-22 you'll love this similar Left-to-Right conversion story which takes place in a backdrop considerably more dangerous & maddening than anything even the well-traveled Hitchens experienced in his own memoir. **Kindle Watching the doors** 1593762356 It's been a while since I've done any reading on what is so euphemistically referred to as The Troubles and I don't think I've ever read anything substantive on that aspect of Irish history that was not partisan. **Watching the doorhalen** It's a reminder of the casual savagery the everyday persistent viciousness of the conflict on all sides including a relentless - and very intentional - cataloging of the names and stories of many many victims. **Book Watching the door county** Mind it's an intense and challenging story reflecting the deep complexities of the murderous struggle between factions of Republicans Loyalists the RUC the British Army as well as the personal relationships within these. **Book Watching the doors** What he portrays so well is the synergy between the bigotry of society and paramilitary; how one fed the other and the violence and mythology they created fanned their own flames. **Watching the Door book pdf** The numerous sexual encounters which Myers had might detract for some although this is very much in my opinion part of the story part of the malaise and confusion he descends into. **Book Watching the door county** He paints a picture of what he saw of the fear he smelt the hatred of being on the edge of death (as he was on several occasions) of the chance that keeps one person alive whilst another dies. **Book Watching the door county** in many ways the absence of detailed explanation of the complexities serves to leave the reader much better informed of how deep and convoluted were the currents of Belfast life during the Troubles. **Book Watching the doordash** 1593762356 Journalist broadcaster and novelist Kevin Myers wrote for The Irish Times The Spectator Sunday Telegraph Irish Independent and The Sunday Times in a career that spanned over thirty years. **Watching the doorco** Quickly absorbed into the local community and privy to the secrets of both the Protestant and Catholic paramilitaries Myers gained a unique perspective into both sides of the sectarian violence. **Kindle Watching the door closed** Flirting with death at every turn Myers comes of age as the world around him falls apart fueled by the psychotic rage senseless murder and unrelenting terror that surround Northern Ireland's loyalist gangs paratroopers police force and of course average citizen. **Book Watching the doors** Part unofficial history part personal memoir Watching the Door is raw provocative and darkly funny offering an unbridled account of sex death and violence in Northern Ireland by one of its most dynamic witnesses. **Watching the Door ebook reader** Watching the Door: Drinking Up Getting Down and Cheating Death in 1970s Belfast Watching the Door was a birthday gift; I wouldn't have thought to buy it otherwise but now I am glad I read it. **Book Watching the doorbell** The constant stream of bombings and murders that headlined Irish news bulletins when I was growing up made me view the six counties as a grey bleak angry and most of all vicious place. **Watching the doorly** For me it was an unexpectedly absorbing read and one that I would recommend to anyone who wants an insight into the madness that was the sectarian conflict in Northern Ireland of the 1970s. **Watching the Door book review** Myers met Loyalist terrorists who saw nothing unusual in going fishing with well-connected forces of law and order given that they were friends; he met Nationalist

terrorists who agreed sitting in the pub that execution style killings were deplorable then sent someone for a gun to kill him and he barely escaped after a warning. **Watching the doori** He says at the same time all the people he met would invite him to partake of hospitality in their home including ham sandwiches which he later found would have made the family's own dinner.

Watching the doorking software He believed the view point of one side but would happily mingle with both - something almost completely unthinkable at the time especially for someone like him with the connections he had the information he knew and the things he had seen and done - how he is alive and well today to tell his tale is something of a miracle. **Watching the doorite** People were killed for far less than the things this man was getting up to! And yet years have passed since his time living and working here and with time has come perspective and understanding. **Book**

Watching the doorbell He has been able to step back and see that the side he was once against suffered horribly too and that there were no winners in this struggle only loss on the most cruel and tragic of levels - and not just of life but of youth and freedom and hope! He has no political agenda now. **Watching the doorly** I only have one criticism of the book really and that it felt that Kevin tarred us all with the same brush and there was quite a lot of stereotyping going on at parts.

Watching the drama I can accept that easier when he is talking about the 70's where it might have been more justifiable if still a little exaggerated - but this also extended into him speaking about current day Northern Ireland. **Watching the Door epub free** The things that people here

witnessed Getting Down and Cheating Death in 1970s Belfast (Atlantic Books 2008) nuoruuttaan toimittajana 1970-luvun Belfastissa joka oli täynnä väkivaltaa ja kuolemaa kun Pohjois-Irlannin kohtalosta väännettiin kättä aseina ja pommeina. **Kindle Watching the door county** Seksijuttuja olisi ehkä voinut kuvata vähemminkin tosin myönnän hymyilleeni kertomukselle jossa joudutaan melkein rysän päältä kiinni kun harrastuksekseni painoja nostelemaan ja IRA:han kuuluva aviomies tulee kesken kaiken kotiin. **PDF Watching the doors roblox** ruohonjuuritason kokijan muistelmina - konfliktiin syvämmästä voi sitten tutustua vaikkapa David McKittrickin (jolle tämä kirja on muuten omistettu) teoksen Making Sense of the Troubles: The Story of the Conflict in Northern Ireland

kautta: Many of the people from 70's Belfast were dead by the time he wrote the book: **Watching the doorl** Over the years I have read quite a lot about the Northern Irish troubles: **Watching the Door pdf editor** Those things don't vanish with the signing of an agreement and an American switching on a Christmas tree: **Book Watching the door county** But Northern Ireland IS NOT the place it was in the 70's. **Book Watching the doorbell** I have lived through both the troubles and peace and I KNOW it is different: **Watching the dragon prince** Anyone who has been exposed to evil will understand because this book is about evil - in all its horrific terrifying insidious corrosive seductive paralysing tribal power.

Watching the Door booklet It is also the perfect example of how good people do Confession: **Watching the drama meme** 1593762356 Violent sectarian war between Protestants and Catholics in Ireland was totally baffling to me as a kid: **Watching the Door kindle book** Myers lived a reckless existence the sort of hard living that war correspondents through the years have worn on their sleeves with pride. **Watching the Door ebooks online**

Myers' abundant self-effacing humor and sense of pacing really make this book. **Watching the doorbell** Myers was barely even working truth be told and could have easily left Belfast at any time, **Watching the doorco** Yet he bought a house albeit one that lost half of its value very quickly after it became identified as being in a bomb- and killing-ridden section of town. **EPub Watching the doorway** That was the thing that I learned from this book - just how hideously bad this war was,

Watching the doorjak 100 We all have youths typically more colorful than our truly adult years some of us more than others. **Watching the Door bookworm** Certainly Myers grew up fairly dramatically formed by the searing traumas of his 20s, **Watching the Door ebook free** I was in Rome last month on vacation where I read this book and ran into some late-fifties Irish women in the Catacombs on a tour & asked one where she was from: **Book Watching the door to heaven** Belfast she told me less than 24 hours after I'd finished this book which chronicled what was no doubt the horrific backdrop of her youth as well: **Book Watching the doorbell** A husband blown up here a cousin shot there; a house firebombed next door here a killing in front of their house there:

Book Watching the door open Aye Kevin Myers oh boy that's too bad he's a right-wing nutter he is. **Book Watching the door county** I learned that evening with some internet research that Myers now a regular columnist for the Irish Independent is indeed a bit more conservative than he was in his youth: **Watching the doorframe** Aren't we all right? I read some of his columns and they have all of the opinionated humorous and learned bluster of this book - and then I liked him even more, **Book Watching the doors** A well-written brutally straightforward account of the author's time as a half-assed journalist in Belfast through most of the 1970's. **Watching the Door ebook free download** 1593762356 An excellent read for anyone with an interest in the Troubles or the social history of Belfast in the nineteen-seventies: **Watching the doorframe** Add in the alcohol-ridden squalor of much of a city where industry was decaying and investment was unlikely and you have streets as mean as you'll read about anywhere. **PDF Watching the doorbell** Yet you also have generosity hospitality acts of unlikely kindness and unusual friendships. **Watching the Door ebooks** The author met even got to know quite well some of the leading paramilitary leaders, **Book Watching the doordash** He was under no illusions about their business though he was taken in by a couple but found some good company, **Book Watching the doors** Indeed for the reader in 2020 one of the most interesting features of the book is how untruth becomes fact myth becomes mantra: **Book Watching the door county** Fake news is nothing new neither is the simple accusation of fairness. **Watching the doorhalen** Sex alcohol friendships enmities the street on which he lived; all part of what made Belfast during the troubles such a nightmarish labyrinth: **Watching the Door pdf editor** And in the labyrinth people made their lives and saw their children grow - as well as seeing their lives ripped apart and their children murdered, **Book Watching the doordash delivery** There'll be some readers offended because Myers does not condemn those they think he should nor celebrate their heroes. **Book Watching the doors** Yes he judges; the Army the RUC the IRA (Official and Provisional) the UVF UDA UDR the politicians the individuals. **EBook Watching the door county** Each page is impregnated with terror and with humanity - for better and worse generally worse: **Watching the doorframe** Whilst he explains aspects of the Troubles there is little analysis other than of himself. **EPub Watching the doorway** A catalogue of drinking killing sex killing drinking friendship acquaintance drinking killing; I'll seek out historians works for analysis: **Watching the doorbell** The book will also make valuable reading for those who want aggrandise themselves by wrecking the Good Friday and St: **Kindle Watching the door open** Andrew's Agreements that have brought about a still tenuous period of peace. **Watching the doorhalen** As Andrew Marr wrote in his review This book stinks of the truth, **EPub Watching the doors** Consider condemning some of the most generous friendliest folk in the world to return to the life that Myers depicts so powerfully: **Watching the doorbell** 1593762356 This brutally frank account of the early years of the Troubles in Belfast is both appalling and compelling reading. **Book Watching the doordash delivery** The author a young journalist apparently indifferent to his own safety was spectator to tragedies to horrific events and awful cruelty and was often fortunate to escape unscathed. **Book Watching the doorbell** Against the backdrop of violence his sex life as described suggests to this relatively innocent reader that elements of his story may have been embellished for whatever reason, **Book Watching the doorway** He reported from Africa Central America India and Japan covered the wars in Lebanon and Bosnia and was journalist of the year for his dispatches from Beirut. **Watching the Door kindle paperwhite** His first memoir Watching the Door: A Memoir 1971-1978 was published in 2006. **EBook Watching the door to heaven** Kevin Myers was a young wide-eyed and naive outsider thrust into the thick of the conflict in Northern Ireland as it teetered on the brink of civil war: **Watching the doorframe** Devoid of any political agenda Myers describes the streets of Belfast at its bloodiest with searing clarity capturing every inch of the city's disturbing violence. **Watching the doorking software** It tells of the author's experience in Northern Ireland as a journalist reporting on the Troubles. **Watching the doorbell** I was wrong; according to Kevin Myers's account it was worse than that. **Book Watching the doordash** Nevertheless Watching the Door is an enthralling and at times entertaining account. **Watching the doorbell** Effectively it is just a litany of anecdotes of mostly shootings and bombings but also of the various characters on

both sides of the divide that Myers managed to befriend: **Watching the Door ebook3000** He does quite a good job of stringing these stories into a coherent narrative but it still felt like it lacked an overall theme: **Watching the doorite screens** I was surprised to learn how often the author skirted with death himself. **Watching the doorking software** Strangely - but entertainingly - he recounts stories of his many sexual escapades that helped lighten the tone of an otherwise depressing and shocking set of experiences, **Watching the doorjamm** 1593762356 This is a frank memoir from an Irishman who as a young reporter was sent to Northern Ireland where he was to cover the Troubles. **Book Watching the doors** There are other aspects to this book but this is what the reader will take away from it: **Watching the doorbell** When Myers was a witness to an issue the security forces set him up with a false drinking and driving charge and his own solicitor refused to fight it. **Book Watching the doordash** Myers went on to an extended career in journalism mainly in the Irish Times and has never hesitated to be outspoken, **Kindle Watching the doorbell** 1593762356 This is a book that anyone interested in The Troubles should read: **Watching the door kevin myers** Myers an English-born child of Irish parents goes to Northern Ireland in the early 70's when he was in his early 20's: **Watching the doorframe** He ends up spending more than 6 years there working erratically as a journalist, **Book Watching the door to heaven** His straightforward accounts of the death and destruction much of which he witnessed close handconveys the horror of the times, **Book Watching the doors** It is hard to believe he survived countless encounters with paramilitaries of all persuasions as well as the RUC and British Army. **Watching the doorking software** Other times he was warned he was on the hit list of this or that paramilitary group because he was believed to be an informant: **Book Watching the door county** He drinks his way through the 70's falls in love once and mostly falls into bed with any woman he runs into: **EPub Watching the doors roblox** In 1970's Belfast there wasn't a lot else to dohe writes, **Watching the doorco** Myers thought the war in the North would only last a few years. **EPub Watching the door county** In the end realizing peace was not coming anytime soon he left, **Watching the Door book review** Myers went on to work in other trouble spots including Bosnia but yet managed to do so better than many that do: **Watching the doorly** Kevin was simply sharing his experiences and explaining his view point at the time and now and how it has impacted his life, **Watching the doorgrow** What is also interested is that it manages to be quite one sided and yet completely neutral at the same time: **Watching the Door epublishing** Kevin in his youth clearly supported one side over the other but somehow managed to keep a grasp of the complete lunacy that was involved with the whole thing, **Watching the drama meme** He looks back at his younger self and is able to see the flaws in some of the beliefs he once had: **Watching the Door pdf editor** It feels like his only agenda with this book is to purge himself of guilt that has followed him since his time here, **Watching the dragon prince fanfiction** I'd love to speak to him and know if it helped him to tell this story. **Watching the Door kindle fire** We still have our problems here (I write this after a week of protests and riots over a flag!) and there is still division and people who are still hurt and angry, **Watching the Door ebookee** What happened here was beyond horrendous and it went on for the best part of 30 years and had been brewing for decades even before that: **Book Watching the doorway** Troubles-nimellä tunnettu aikakausi näyttäytyy kirjassa kaikessa kaameudessaan: **Watching the doorframe** Myers kuvaa tapahtumia koruttomasti eikä asetu sen enempää tasavaltalaisen IRA:n kuin brittimielisten lojalistien puolelle. **Watching the Door ebooks online** Vihan väkivallan ja terrorin kierre myrkyttää ympäristönsä tehokkaasti: **Watching the dooriban** Surullisia ihmiskohtaloita mahtuu kymmenen tusinaan ja kärsimään joutuvat myös monet viattomat, **Watching the doorjack** Lisäksi kirjassa juodaan runsaasti alkoholia tehdään tuttavuutta vastakkaisen sukupuolen kanssa ja syöllistytään jos jonkinlaisiin nuoruuden hairahduksiin. **Book Watching the doors** Pohjois-Irlannin lähihistoriasta kiinnostuneelle kirjaa voi kyllä suositella ns. **Watching the Door ebook free** PS: Lukemani perusteella Kevin Myers on muuten aika mölö tyyppi jonka näkemyksiin ei oikein voi yhtyä[1]

And waited more than 30 years to write this book. This speaks volumes about the reality of Northern Ireland. 1593762356 This is a really interesting book.A beautiful book about ugliness incarnate. His

memoir is absolutely riveting. But mostly women drink and excitement of all stripes. Them's all Chinamen anyway. Yes in many ways it's a growing-up story. Then I told her that the writer's name was Kevin Myers. Others he knew were no more than bigoted thugs. Open it with an open-mind. He weighs them against the times and the circumstances. No simple moralising or political point scoring. It is nevertheless a valuable memoir from those awful times. Life was confusing dangerous and active. We can be glad it's different today. He is haunted by many of these deaths. Often he escaped through sheer luck. No onneksi tästä kirjasta ei moisia löydy. 1593762356

