The year is 1954 and Daniel Dorsey learns at the age of eight the intimate meaning of death when his parents are killed in a car crash. Taken in by his colorful, at times mad, and always tender and caring extended family, Daniel learns that even the deepest sorrows and hurt can be healed. Michael Raleigh's *In the Castle of the Flynns* is about a young boy growing up Irish in a vibrant 1950s Chicago neighborhood. Now grown and looking back on those years, Daniel recalls his bouts with grief and fear of abandonment as he learns to adjust to his new surroundings amidst his oddball family. It is a time of wakes and weddings, conflicts and romance. Above all, it is a time when Daniel comes to understand both his own loss and the dark places in the lives of his loved ones. *In the Castle of the Flynns* is a poignant, often hilarious story of hope, passions and unforgettable memories. It is a novel that will make grown men weep, women cry and cause both to break out in great guffaws of laughter.

I read this book on the recommendation of my sister, and I certainly pass on that recommendation. This story, which reads like a true experience, is not only a wonderful look at the Irish Catholic experience in 1955 Chicago,
it's also a story about how love (or the lack of it) determines so much in our lives. The book is hilarious in places (like the wedding of the main character's uncle, where the world's oldest man arrives late to church and shuffles in at the 'pace of the Wisconsin glacier', and touching in many places, bringing me to tears. Basically, it's exactly like a good old Irish wake. Just be prepared to spend some time with it - you won't be able to put this book down. I don't give many (any?) five-star reviews, but this book certainly deserves all five of those stars. Maybe a couple more, too.

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