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Slices of Life

Life is served in different slices. Patrick Semple has been an ordained minister of the Anglican Communion in Catholic Ireland, a curate working in Belfast at the start of the Troubles, a prison chaplain, a public speaker, an author, a teacher, a husband, a father and a born again Atheist.

Stories always tell us something about the teller, and these stories are the observations of a person who has spent a lifetime serving other people. Each story also tells us something about human nature and the lessons learnt from observing the lives of others.

Every story is a slice of life.

There are 22 short stories in the book including.

‘Dinner Out’; A married woman on an evening out with an old flame reflects on what might have been.

‘Aunt Frances’; A woman going to live in France leads to an unlikely burial in a public cemetery of an Irish provincial town.

‘The Dinner Party’; A stunning surprise breaks up a post economic crash dinner party.

‘Breganmore’; The second coming of Christ occurs in an Irish rural village.

Patrick Semple's writing has been described as having a depth of learning and an earnestness of purpose with a selfless immersion in the lives of the characters in the best traditions of John McGahern and Brian Moore.