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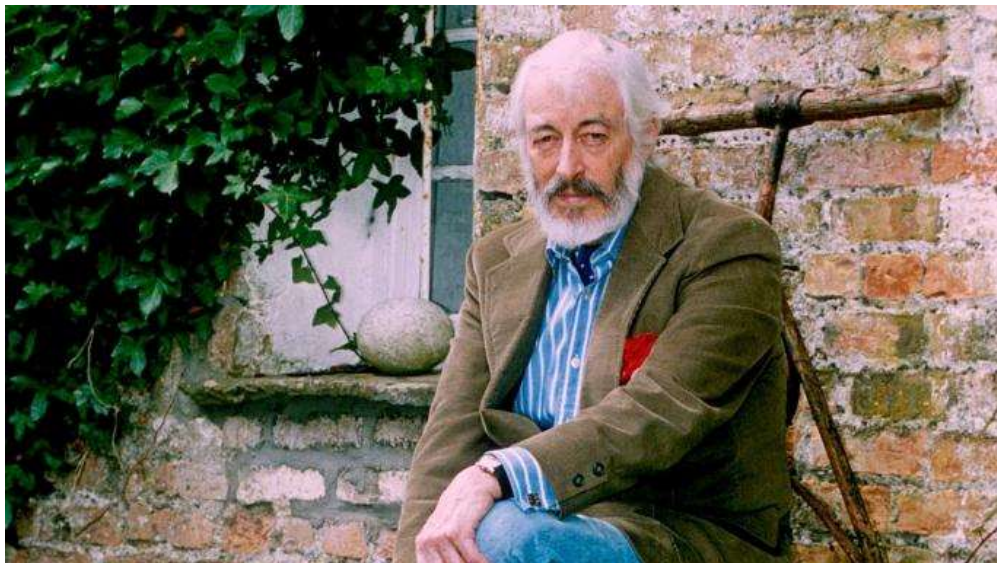
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JP Donleavy

Author of *The Ginger Man*, hailed as a comic masterpiece by critics but banned in Ireland and denounced from pulpits across America

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JP Donleavy in 1993. He had a method of working that was idiosyncratic
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Sebastian Dangerfield is studying law in Dublin, but determined to idle his time away while waiting for his wealthy father to die. He has a young wife, a child and few morals. There is liquor, lascivious talk and much sex. As one critic noted of *The Ginger Man*, JP Donleavy's portrait of postwar Ireland and its relationship with the American GIs who came to carouse and copulate, "few sins go unattempted".

Lines such as “When I die I want to decompose in a barrel of porter and have it served in all the pubs in Ireland” and “Is it OK to pray for an orgasm?” drew attention to the work — as did his letter to a prospective publisher that cautioned: “The

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