

Blake Morrison

The third lecture in the successful [Birmingham Visiting Writers' Programme](#)

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Popular success came with the publication of his memoir *And When Did You Last See Your Father?* in 1993. A study of the James Bulger murder, *As If*, was published in 1998.

Since 2003, Morrison has been Professor of Creative and Life Writing at Goldsmiths, University of London. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and edited *The Penguin Book of Contemporary British Poetry* with Andrew Motion.

He studied English Literature at the University of Nottingham and UCL before working for the Times Literary Supplement (1978-81), The Observer (1981-89) and the Independent on Sunday (1989-95). He has also contributed articles to The New Yorker, the London Review of Books, the New Statesman, the New York Times and Poetry Review. Since 2001, he has written regularly for The Guardian.

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