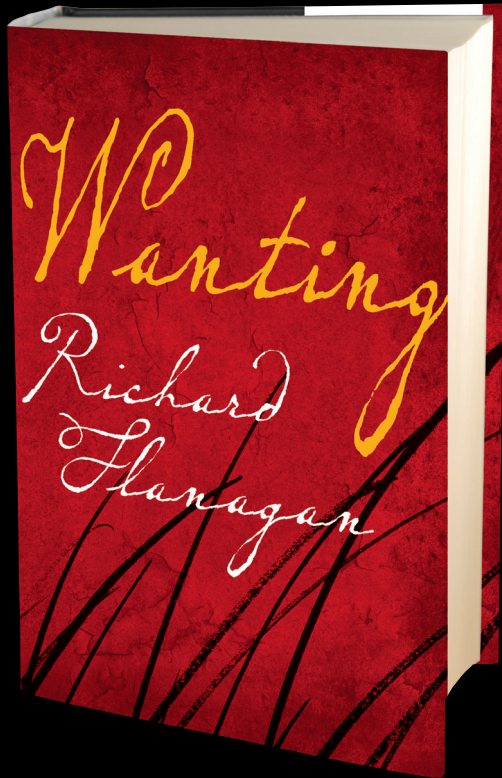


**“Beautifully crafted,
at once elegant and astonishing.
Highly recommended.”**

—LIBRARY JOURNAL (STARRED REVIEW)



*“Wanting shakes us rudely
from our stupors,
wakes us up to history.
There can be no author
more passionate or
unfettered than Flanagan.”*

—SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

*“[Flanagan’s] prose is
strong and precise,
and the depiction of desire’s
effects is sublime.”*

—PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

In his new novel, the author of the acclaimed *Gould’s Book of Fish* tells of a young Aboriginal girl adopted by the most celebrated explorer of the age, Sir John Franklin, and his wife, Lady Jane, to demonstrate that the primitive can be civilized. Years later, Sir John disappears on a search for the Northwest Passage, and Lady Jane turns to the great novelist Charles Dickens—a man of passion locked in an ice-bound marriage—to defend her husband against shocking accusations of savagery.

**FINALIST FOR
THE MILES FRANKLIN LITERARY AWARD**

A ATLANTIC MONTHLY PRESS
an imprint of Grove/Atlantic, Inc. Distributed by Publishers Group West
www.groveatlantic.com

