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#### About the Author

Born in 1959, **Paddy Doherty** is an Irish traveler and a former bare-knuckle boxer. He is most well-known for starring in hit Channel 4 show *My Big Fat Gypsy Wedding*. In 2011, he won *Celebrity Big Brother* and since then he has starred in his own reality TV series *When Paddy Met Sally* and *Paddy & Sally's Excellent Adventure*.

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