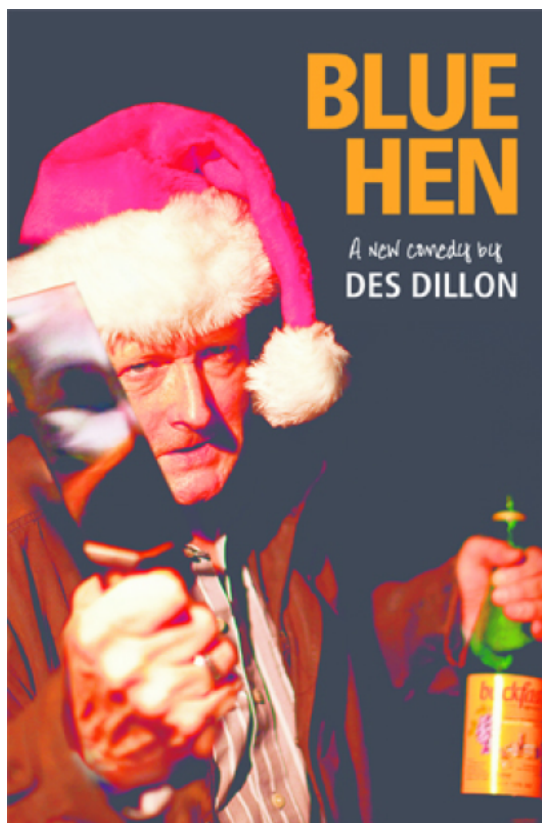




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Des Dillon's dark comedy *Blue Hen* is a gritty moving drama about two men who are out of work and out of patience in the roughest scheme in Coatbridge. But they've one thing going for them - the power of their own imaginations. Paddy and John are two ordinary working class guys who are out of work and out of luck when they hit on a scheme to keep them occupied and keep their bellies full. They're going to rear chickens in their back garden and sell the eggs for profit. But it's not easy being the only honest men in Coatbridge's roughest scheme and their venture doesn't exactly go to plan. As their dreams of self-sufficiency crumble, a powerful story of friendship against the odds unfolds.

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