

**MERCEDES HELNWEIN** AFTER A CHILDHOOD living in castles in Germany and Austria, Mercedes and her family — headed by controversial artist Gottfried Helnwein — moved to an apartment in Parliament Street in 1997. Not long after, they relocated to Tipperary's Castle Gurteen which is now famed as the backdrop to the wedding ceremony between Marilyn Manson and Dita Von Teese. A keen writer and artist since childhood, Helnwein, 27, has just released her debut novel *The Potential Hazards Of Hester Day*. In addition to being hailed as a literary enfant terrible, Mercedes has taken a leaf out of her infamous father's book and holds

