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RENARD PRESS ACQUIRES MY BOOK OF REVELATIONS, THE LATEST NOVEL BY ACCLAIMED EXPERIMENTAL WRITER IAIN HOOD.

- Follows two acclaimed novels by the same author, *This Good Book* and *Every Trick in the Book*.
- A fascinating visit to turn-of-the-millennium Edinburgh.
- A brilliantly woven tale that uses playful narrative techniques with which Hood's writing is synonymous.

Renard Press is thrilled to announce that it has acquired world rights to the latest novel by acclaimed experimental literary novelist Iain Hood, whose debut novel was the first title in Renard's contemporary-fiction list. A writer whose work is extraordinarily evocative of time and place, the latest instalment takes the reader to turn-of-the-millennium Edinburgh and paints a vivid portrait of the 'Y2K mania' that gripped the country.

Synopsis:

The countdown to the millennium has begun, and people are losing their heads. A so-called Y2K expert gives a presentation to Scotland's eccentric Tech Laird T.S. Mole's entourage in Edinburgh, and soon long hours, days, weeks and months fill with seemingly chaotic and frantic work on the 'bug problem'. Soon enough it'll be just minutes and seconds to go to midnight. Is the world about to end, or will everyone just wake up the next day with the same old New Year's Day hangover?

A book about what we know and don't know, about how we communicate and fail to, *My Book of Revelations* moves from historical revelations to the personal, and climaxes in the bang and flare of fireworks, exploding myths and offering a glimpse of a scandal that will rock Scotland into the twenty-first century. As embers fall silently to earth, all that is left to say is: Are we working in the early days of a better nation?



Praise for Hood's fiction:

'Astonishing, funny, bonkers, charming, disturbing, challenging, audacious, and, ultimately, profound.' Melissa Fu, author of *Peach Blossom Spring*

'So dark and poetic, so original and intelligent, and so utterly unputdownable.' Tim Ewins, author of *We Are Animals*

'If you like your fiction fresh, original and challenging, *This Good Book* is for you.' Simon van der Velde, author of *Backstories*

Iain Hood was born in Glasgow and grew up in the seaside town of Ayr. He attended the University of Glasgow and Jordanhill College, and later worked in education in Glasgow and the West Country. He attended the University of Manchester after moving to Cambridge, where he continues to live with his wife and daughter. His first novel, *This Good Book*, was published in 2021, followed by *Every Trick in the Book* in 2022.

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