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RENARD PRESS ACQUIRES FLAGEY IN WINTER, PRE-BREXIT COMEDY OF MANNERS SET IN EU CAPITAL BY SIMON MUNDY FOR ITS HAY PRESS IMPRINT

- The sequel to an early Hay Press title, a planned series of linked but nonsequential titles set in a bustling café at the heart of Brussels.
- An ode to Europe – will appeal to those who relish their links to the mainland.
- A brilliantly observed comic novel for our times, which satires political characters who take themselves rather too seriously.
- Delightfully illustrated by Ewgeniya Lyras, a writer and a video producer and editor based in Prague.

Renard Press is thrilled to announce that it has acquired world rights to *Flagey in Winter*, the acutely observed latest novel by veteran writer and Europhile Simon Mundy. A brilliantly written novel rich in observational humour, this is the perfect antidote for the fractious and embittered times we find ourselves in.

Synopsis:

The Café Franck in Brussels' Place Flagey puts people at their ease – artists with European politicians and their assistants, touselled intellectuals with bar staff, twenty-somethings in need of a job with thirty-somethings who have one.

Set in 2013, *Flagey in Winter* is a comedy of manners that takes place in the European Parliament itself, in bars where love and politics rub shoulders, and in the Italian Dolomites.

Simon Mundy studied drama at university, but soon veered towards writing poetry and reviews, and at 23 he found himself a music critic and arts journalist. A champion of the arts, he has served as Director of the National Campaign for the Arts and Vice-President of PEN International's Writers for Peace Committee, and he co-founded the European Forum for the Arts and Heritage; he remains an adviser to the European Festivals Association. His writing includes biographies, novels, non-fiction, playscripts and poetry.



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