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(Sam Leith - Financial Times)

“Nearly 20 years after *Trainspotting*, Welsh delivers a stunning prequel that shows how his characters got hooked on heroin...Though Welsh's characters are younger, he is older, and his writing has become even more nuanced...A haunting and important book that deserves serious attention.” (Keir Graff - Booklist)

“Careening between boisterous, belligerent, hilarious, and maudlin emotional registers like a drunk at a party, this novel has a dizzy energy.” (Publishers Weekly)

“Welsh wants us to know these guys, to feel their humanity...the novel is nothing short of a masterpiece.”
(Katie Haegele - Philadelphia Inquirer)

About the Author

Irvine Welsh is the best-selling author of *Trainspotting*, *Ecstasy*, *Glue*, *Porno*, *Filth*, *Marabou Stork*, *Nightmares*, *The Acid House*, *Skagboys*, and, most recently, *A Decent Ride*. He currently lives in Chicago. *T2 Trainspotting* was first published as *Porno*.

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