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Weekender

Roland Tye

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Set in Edinburgh's recent past, Roland Tye's debut novel *Weekender* follows various residents over the course of a weekend and eleven very different tales, jumping from one character to the next as their paths cross. Along the way there's sex, drugs, violence, alcohol, football, love, betrayal, redemption, more alcohol, more love and a man who believes that a bubble travels around his body under the surface of his skin.

Read on, and remember – a lot can happen in a weekend...

About The Author

Born in 1979, the Leith resident studied politics at the University of Edinburgh and Leiden in The Netherlands. He worked in mainly policy roles in government before taking up his current role as a manager at the University of Edinburgh in 2012.

The story of *Weekender* began 16 years ago. Tye was inspired by people overcoming adversity, particularly those who have lost everything. In recent years Roland has met Syrians through his work who have defied incredible odds in order to start a new life in the UK. One of the characters in *Weekender* – Mr Palavar – has made such a journey and is a symbol of hope in the novel.

Sales Points

Set in Edinburgh

Target audience younger-to-middle-aged readers

Format is a series of interconnected short stories in the style of Annie Proux's *Accordion Crimes*

Extremely varied characters

Characters' stories interweave into one coherent plot

Real-life feel about each chapter

Author plans Edinburgh Festival event, reading chapters in turn at their real-life settings