



HEAVEN'S DOOR

THE SECOND IN THE HOTEL ST KILDA TRILOGY

Michael Knaggs

The events of these past few months can be likened to the destabilising of a mountain top, creating a political and social avalanche of awesome, overwhelming power. As it cascades, unstoppable, in its devastating surge, it now seems certain that everything in its path will be either swept along with it or buried irretrievably beneath.

The public demand for radical change in law and order in the wake of a catalytic event on a tough East London estate featured in *Catalyst*, the first book in the 'Hotel St Kilda' Trilogy.

Now with the second installment, *Heaven's Door*, we rejoin the story as the new government, who swept to power off the back of the public's appetite for reform, start to assert their control. The new measures for addressing street crime include lifetime banishment for worst offenders, a popular development which receives widespread support, and which Tom Brown, the Home Secretary, decides to extend to cover other serious crimes. Although he meets strong opposition to this change, he steadfastly pushes it through.

Then, at the zenith of his political achievement, and just when he seems reconciled with his family, his decision backfires. His private and political lives collide dramatically and Tom is faced with a devastating choice which, either way, will lead to personal tragedy.

Meanwhile, Detective Inspector Jo Cottrell and a former colleague, David Gerrard, begin looking into the circumstances that led to this situation and uncover unexpected liaisons which raise a number of questions...

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