



POWER, CHANGE, DOUBT, DECEPTION

Michael Knaggs takes us back to where it all began in *Heaven's Door*, his sensational follow up to *Catalyst*

Heaven's Door is the second book in the Hotel St Kilda Trilogy by Prestwich author Michael Knaggs. Michael's first book *Catalyst* was published in 2013 and *Heaven's Door* picks up where this first book left off, rejoining 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.

Knaggs' hard-hitting thrillers are tales of political life and civil unrest. "My books address the issues of law and order which is a personal concern of mine and they are partly a vehicle for some of my thoughts on the topic," observes Michael, who before becoming a writer was employed by the Kellogg company, latterly as HR director, and cites authors Ian Rankin, Sophie Hannah, and Lee Child as his inspiration. "By writing I am fulfilling a lifetime's ambition in producing a published book; a piece of literature which will outlive me," he adds.

The story begins as new measures are put in place to address street crime, including lifetime banishment for the 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 pinnacle of his political achievement, his private and political lives collide dramatically, when overwhelming evidence comes to light of a serious crime which leads to the conviction of someone he is very close to. Tom is soon faced with a devastating choice which, either way, will lead to personal tragedy.

Meanwhile, DI Jo Cottrell, one of the detectives involved in the case, begins looking into the background of the events that led to the conviction and uncovers unexpected liaisons which raise a number of doubts...

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