

Author Q&A

What was your inspiration for *Out of Shadows*?

I'd always wanted to write a book that made use of my own experiences of growing up in Zimbabwe: A fictionalised, 'what if?' version, heavily embellished with some strong characters and with a political undercurrent.

Which character was the most fun to write?

I think Weekend was the most fun. There are some quite dark characters in *Out of Shadows*. Weekend was a breath of fresh air.

What was the last film that blew you away?

Memento, written and directed by Christopher Nolan. It covers a few days in the life of a man who's lost his short-term memory and is trying to find his wife's killer. The film runs backwards so pieces everything together in a very clever way, I thought.

If you were invisible for a day what would you do?

I certainly wouldn't worry about having to iron my shirt. Bliss.