

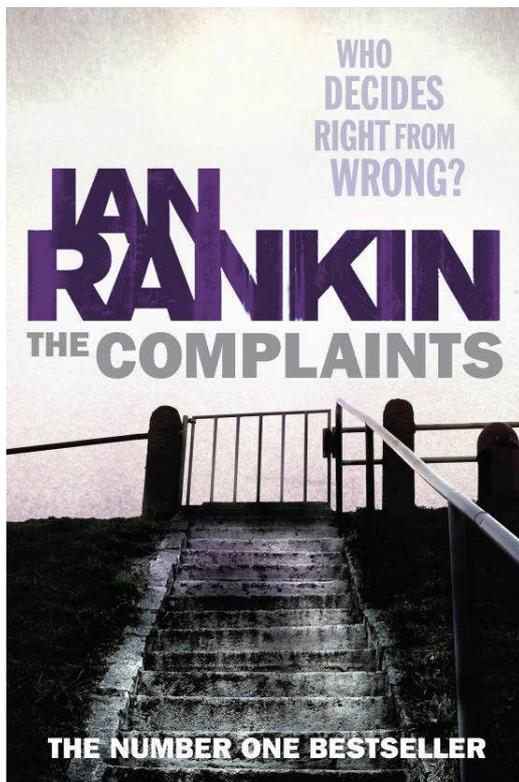
IAN RANKIN

The Complaints

Available September 9 2009 \$24.95 tpb

Ian Rankin will be in Toronto for IFOA XXX Writing Scotland from October 26-28
and available for media interviews.

THE COMPLAINTS is the first major post-Rebus stand-alone from the
international crime-writing superstar ...introducing Detective Malcolm Fox



'Mustn't complain' - but people always do

Nobody likes The Complaints - they're the cops who investigate other cops. Complaints and Conduct Department, to give them their full title, but known colloquially as 'the Dark Side', or simply 'The Complaints'. Inspector Malcolm Fox works for The Complaints. He's just had a result, and should be feeling good about himself. But he's middle-aged, sour and unwell. He also has a father in a care home and a sister who persists in an abusive relationship. In the midst of an aggressive Edinburgh winter, the reluctant Fox is given a new task. There's a cop called Jamie Breck, and he's dirty. Problem is, no one can prove it. But as Fox takes on the job, he learns that there's more to Breck than anyone thinks. This knowledge will prove dangerous, especially when murder intervenes.

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Ian Rankin is an award-winning international best-seller and the UK's number one best-selling crime writer.

He lives in Edinburgh, and writes about the city in his award-winning 'Inspector Rebus' novels. The books have twice been dramatized for TV and are translated into 36 languages.

Born in the Kingdom of Fife in 1960, Ian Rankin graduated from the University of Edinburgh and has since been employed as grape-picker, swineherd, taxman, alcohol researcher, hi-fi journalist and punk musician. He was a prize-winning poet and short-story writer before

turning to novels with *The Flood*, followed by *Knots & Crosses*, the first of his powerful Inspector Rebus novels, in 1987.

Ian Rankin has been elected a Hawthornden Fellow, and is also a past winner of the prestigious Chandler-Fulbright Award, as well the 1997 Crime Writers Association The Macallan Gold Dagger for Fiction, the Edgar Award, the CWA Short Story Dagger Award. He has also been shortlisted for Mystery Writers of America 'Edgar' award for best novel.

Ian Rankin is married with two sons. Ian Rankin was awarded the OBE in the Queen's Golden Jubilee Birthday Honours List in June 2002.

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IAN TALKS ABOUT HIS NEW CHARACTER: *MALCOLM FOX*

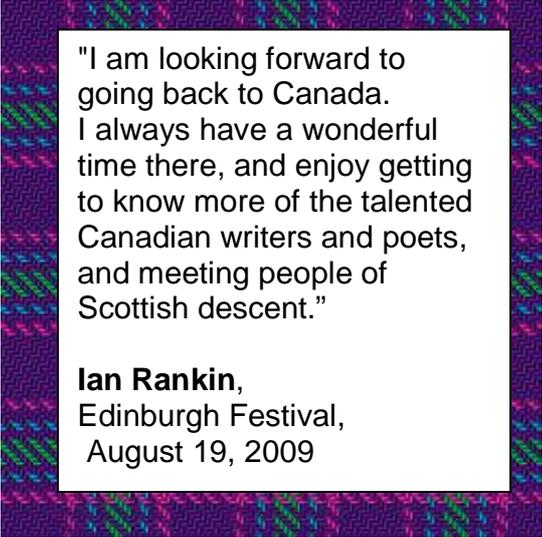
"Fox is not a cynic, he is a caring guy who plays by the rules, a policeman of policemen."

"He's a good character. I like spending time with him. I am expecting people to say he is too like Rebus, or he is 'Rebus-lite', or 'why is he not Rebus?'"

- Excerpts from Ian Rankin's appearance at the Edinburgh Festival

RANKIN COMES TO CANADA!

- **VANCOUVER** - **Ian Rankin** to appear at a special pre-festival event for the Vancouver International Writers Festival on Thursday, September 17 at 7:30pm - St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church
- **OTTAWA** - Ottawa International Writers Festival presents **Ian Rankin** on Sunday, October 25th at 6:00pm - Saint Brigid's Centre for the Arts and Humanities
- **TORONTO** - October 26-28 - Writing Scotland IFOA XXX.
- **Watch Ian live at Edinburgh Festival Press Conference announcing IFOA Scottish Focus**
<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/blogs/in-other-words/scotland-canada-and-the-ifoa/article1257370/>
- **Writing Scotland: IFOA receives funding (and its own tartan) from Scotland**
<http://network.nationalpost.com/np/blogs/afterword/archive/2009/08/19/writing-scotland-ifoa-receives-50-000-in-funding-and-its-own-tartan-from-scotland.aspx>



"I am looking forward to going back to Canada. I always have a wonderful time there, and enjoy getting to know more of the talented Canadian writers and poets, and meeting people of Scottish descent."

Ian Rankin,
Edinburgh Festival,
August 19, 2009

PRAISE FOR IAN RANKIN

'A stroke of genius' *Globe and Mail*

'A riveting plot with a devilish twist' *The Sherbrooke Record*

'A taut, gripping read from cover to cover.' *The Hamilton Spectator*

'Gripping plot coupled with astute social commentary and gritty realism' *National Post*

'Masterly...Rankin's achievement is to show, convincingly, how crime permeates society' *Scotsman*

'He writes with a natural rhythm which exerts an almost hypnotic effect.' *Independent*

'No one captures the noirish edge of the city as well as Rankin' *Daily Telegraph*

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