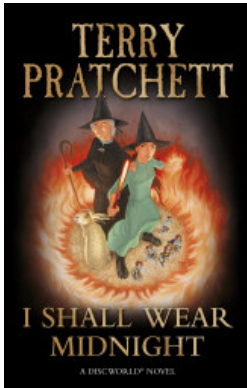


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Terry Pratchett – midnight launch for I SHALL WEAR MIDNIGHT



Waterstone's and Random House Children's Book are delighted to announce the evening launch of Terry Pratchett's latest Discworld Novel on Wednesday 1st September 2010.

To mark this auspicious occasion *I Shall Wear Midnight* will be unveiled at Waterstone's flagship store in Piccadilly at midnight on 2nd September. The launch event will commence at 11pm on Wednesday 1st September with an exciting talk between Sir Terry Pratchett and his close friend, actor Tony Robinson, followed by Sir Terry's only bookshop book signing for *I Shall Wear Midnight*.

I Shall Wear Midnight is the last book in the Tiffany Aching series for younger readers.

Sir Terry Pratchett said: "This is an unusual book because the Tiffany Aching books began as children's books then metamorphosed into young adult books and *I Shall Wear Midnight* really is the last book in which Tiffany Aching could still be considered a children's character. These days there appears to be very little difference between young adult literature and adult literature. I consider *I Shall Wear Midnight* to be young adult literature with the added bonus that this book doesn't have any more bloody vampires in it."

"We are incredibly thrilled that Sir Terry will be here to launch *I Shall Wear Midnight* at, well, midnight. Even if there aren't any vampires. When you have Terry Pratchett, you don't need vampires," said Waterstone's Children's Buyer, Sarah Clarke.

Tickets are £9.50 and include a copy of the book. To book tickets in advance please call: 020 7851 2419 tbc

The three junior Discworld novels starring Tiffany *The Wee Free Men*, *A Hat Full of Sky* and *Wintersmith* were reissued on 1st July 2010 in new Discworld livery.

Sir Terry Pratchett is a superb satirist who has been compared to Jonathan Swift and described as the Dickens of the twentieth century. He is one of today's most popular and successful authors, creator of the phenomenally successful Discworld series which has enjoyed global sales of over 65 million copies, and been translated into 37 languages. He was knighted in 2009 for services to literature. His first junior Discworld novel, *The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents*, was awarded the Carnegie Medal, and *Nation* was shortlisted for the same prize. Several of his works have been adapted for television, including most recently *Going Postal* which appeared on Sky.

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