

## RIGHTS



### » HC TO PUBLISH TYSON BIOG

HarperCollins UK is to publish the autobiography

of controversial boxer Mike Tyson (pictured) in October 2013.

Harper non-fiction publisher Carole Tonkinson bought UK, Commonwealth (excluding Canada) and exclusive European rights from David Vigliano of Vigliano Associates. Tonkinson said: "Mike Tyson is certainly no stranger to controversy, both in and out of the ring—his story promises to be raw, emotive, honest and, above all, truly compelling." The former undisputed heavyweight champion holds the record as the youngest boxer to win the WBC, WBA and IBF world heavyweight titles and the first heavyweight boxer to hold all three titles simultaneously. He has also served a prison sentence for rape and was disqualified from a boxing match against Evander Holyfield in 1997 for biting off part of his opponent's ear. The book has a US publisher, yet to be announced.

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### » WM HEINEMANN SNAPS UP PARIS REVIEW ANTHOLOGY

William Heinemann has acquired an anthology of 21 stories originally published in literary magazine *The Paris Review*. Editor Tom Avery bought UK and Commonwealth rights, excluding Canada, in *Object Lessons* from Alba Ziegler-Bailey at The Wylie Agency. The stories are selected and have introductions by writers including Jeffrey Eugenides, Ali Smith, Aleksandar Hemon and Lorrie Moore. Heinemann will publish in November.

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Corey T, commenting on "book sales down at WHS", [thebookseller.com](http://thebookseller.com)

## PRIZES

# WATSON SCORES BOTH DESMOND ELLIOTT AND CRIMEFEST NOMINATIONS



*Before I Go to Sleep* by S J Watson and a novel from Welsh publisher Seren, *The Last Hundred Days* by Patrick McGuinness,

feature together on a diverse longlist for the Desmond Elliott Prize. The £10,000 award, given to a first novel published in the UK, is now in its fifth year.

Transworld imprint Doubleday has two titles on the longlist, with Rachel Joyce's *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* joining S J Watson. The remaining titles are: *Absolution* by Patrick Flanery (Atlantic); *Bed* by David Whitehouse (Canongate); *The Bellwether Revivals* by Benjamin Wood (Simon & Schuster); *Care of Wooden Floors* by Will Wiles (HarperPress); *The Land of Decoration* by Grace McClean (Chatto); *The Missing Shade of Blue* by Jennie Erdal (Little, Brown);

and *The Spider King's Daughter* by Chibundu Onuzo (Faber).

A shortlist of three titles will be revealed in May, with the winning title announced on 28th June. Last year's prize was awarded to Anjali Joseph for *Saraswati Park* (Fourth Estate).

● Watson is also in contention with Anthony Horowitz and David Hewson for the Best Unabridged Crime Audiobook at the 2012 Crimefest Awards, while Lee Child and Donna Leon are among shortlistees for the Best Abridged Crime Audiobook. In the running for the Goldsboro Last Laugh Award are Elmore Leonard and Colin Cotterill, while Linwood Barclay and Denise Mina are shortlisted for the eDunnit Award for best crime fiction e-book. The winners will be announced on 26th May. For full shortlists see:

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## INTERNATIONAL

### » TOR UK FOLLOWS US BY DROPPING DRM

Tor UK is to follow its US sibling by taking Digital Rights Management (DRM) off its e-book titles. Tor, Forge, Orb, Starscape and Tor Teen—all parts of Macmillan USA—said that from July, its entire list of e-books would be DRM-free. "Our authors and readers have been asking for this for a long time," said president and publisher Tom Doherty. "[DRM] prevents them from using legitimately purchased e-books in perfectly legal ways." Tor UK will follow over the next three months.

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### » BOOK EXPORTS RISE 3%

The value of the UK's book exports rose a little over 3% to £1,741.5m in 2011, according to statistics from the Department of Business Innovation & Skills provided to the Publishers Association.

The US remained the single biggest destination with a 10% share of the market, although the value of sales dropped 2% year on year to a total of £178m. Germany was the second biggest, accounting for 9% of the export market, and showing an 11.5% surge in 2011 to £157m. In third, sales in Ireland dropped 5% year on year to £130.5m. Australia, in fourth, showed a 19% year-on-year increase to £121m. Europe was still the dominant area, with a 45% share, followed by Asia and Oceania (21%) and North America (13%).

Among the emerging markets, the value of exports to India dropped 5% to £33m, while to China they dropped 23% (£25.5m) and to Brazil they rose a little over 5% (£16m), after a 33% increase the previous year.

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