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### About the Author

**Doug Stanhope** is a veteran of over twenty-five years of stand-up comedy, a stalwart of the hard-drinking, chain-smoking, literally dying breed. With a litany of dubious television credits, he has successfully dodged mainstream fame using his uncompromising brand of stand-up to build a cult-like following around the world. He's won numerous accolades, including being voted the best show of the entire Edinburgh Festival by the British press on his 2002 UK debut, and has recorded over a dozen comedy specials.

Stanhope tours extensively in North America and overseas, described by the *New York Times* as "an acidic blend of prickly hostility, elaborately articulated self-loathing, and righteous anger" and who Ricky Gervais says "might be the most important stand-up working today." A regular guest on the *Howard Stern Show* and appointed the Voice of America for Charlie Brooker's BBC TV *Wipe* shows, Stanhope continues to be an armchair revolutionary for the excluded, ignored, forgotten, and wasted of society, rallying them with what *The Guardian* calls "comedy with brains and guts and a heart."

Stanhope resides in the US border town of Bisbee, Arizona, with pets who have people names, in an absurd

relationship with his galpal Bingo.

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