

New Book Information

Slightly Bonkers Jamie

A Memoir

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A witheringly honest memoir of the author's cannabis-induced psychotic times, interspersed with chapters detailing his privileged Eton / Oxford background and spiritual growth.

"Jamie has managed something rather special – a victorious cautionary tale. 'Rich boy hits the weed and goes slightly mad' is all too familiar but this 'lost boy' has become a seriously interesting man. You will read about a restless soul who has found His rest ... Read, enjoy but don't miss the message." — Rev. Canon Andrew Wingfield Digby

"Jamie may be bonkers but I'd rather say he is dazzlingly colourful, endearingly open, always unexpected. This is both a gripping and erudite memoir and an insightful exploration of the challenges of poor mental health. I can promise you will enjoy Jamie's company and be both moved and educated by his story." — Jo Swinney, author of *Home*, *Through the Dark Woods* and *God Hunting*

Born at Guy's Hospital in July 1954, a very happy childhood followed as 'the blessing', the longed for male child after three daughters to upper-middle-class parents. Educated at Eton College and Christ Church, Oxford.

Post Oxford there is a brief spell of City work before \$10-a-day travel round the Americas and then to Nepal and back. This gives me reasonable fluency in Spanish and French together with a smattering of other languages. There ensues twelve years of baking before five years of drop-in advocacy work, then fourteen years of minicabbing.

Property speculation at last gives me financial security and the ability to pursue charitable volunteering in the mental health field, and more recently with learning disabilities, brain-damaged and homeless people.

