

WORD ON THE STREET

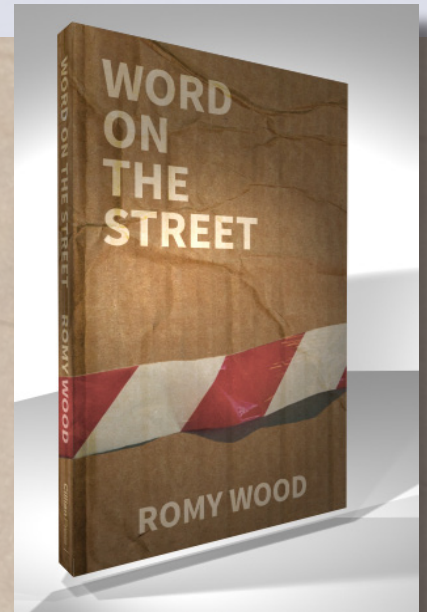
by Romy Wood

New Book Release
- Information Sheet -

A darkly comic reflection on homelessness, life writing and dermatology.

The homeless are dying; a pestilence is sweeping them off the streets, while the authorities herd the not-yet-dead into sinister 'clinics' in derelict industrial wastelands... until suddenly The Public is no longer immune.

Word on the Street is about love and squalor, tenderness and disease, dead dogs and midnight burials, boils and pus and body hair. And politics, of course. It's about what separates people, and what joins them: courage, resistance, self-sacrifice, humour and friendship. It's a gruesome black farce: absurd, profoundly moving, and very, very, funny.



- A comic book on serious issues
- Deals with themes of homelessness, emotional intelligence, mental health and the individual's right to health care regardless of social standing
- A scientific 'What if'
- A tribute to the neglected heroism of dermatologists
- Inspired by the media reaction to the bird flu outbreak
- Large readership appeal - non-gender or age specific
- Contemporary story of social stereotypes, misfits and prejudice

About the Author:



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Word on the Street is Romy Wood's second novel, following *Bamboo Grove* (Alcemi 2010). Romy lives in Cardiff with her husband and three children. She is a Member of The Welsh Academy.

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