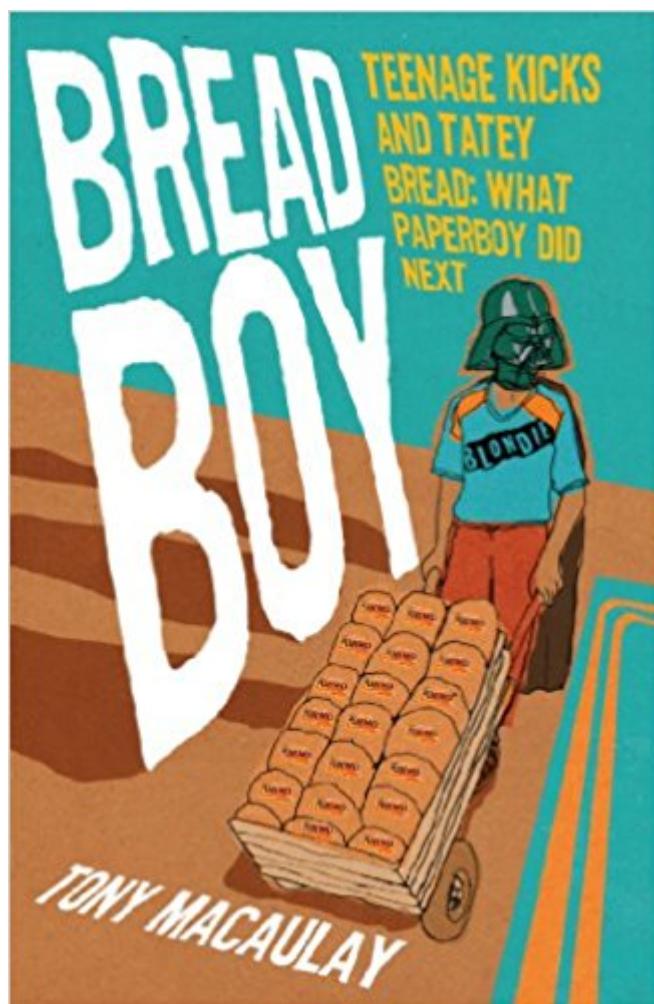


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Breadboy: Teenage Kicks And Tatey Bread — What Paperboy Did Next



Synopsis

Shankill Road, Belfast, 1977. The King is dead — and even Big Duff, the hardest loyalist hard man on the whole estate has been seen to shed a tear. Tony Macaulay has just been appointed breadboy in the last Ormo Mini Shop in the world, a promotion from his previous role as a paperboy. The Bee Gees fill the airwaves, there's Smash and fishfingers on the table for tea, and Tony's love of peace and pets is soon rivalled by his interest in parallel universes and punk and girls, especially gorgeous Judy Carlton, who sits opposite him in Chemistry. Guaranteed to bring back a flood of childhood memories, this wonderful memoir is touching, warm and laugh-out-loud funny, and steeped in the atmosphere of the 1970s.

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Customer Reviews

This is the sequel memoir of Paperboy: An Enchanting True Story of a Belfast Paperboy Coming to Terms with the Troubles, a book I thought was so funny and so charming. This second memoir takes up right where the first one left off. Tony Macaulay is now 14 years old and working Saturdays on a bread truck, which is like a bakery shop on wheels. Young Tony is going through

typical teenage boy angst, as well as some non-typical anxiety caused by living in 1970's Belfast. I don't know for sure, but I think reliving that time period badly affected the author while writing this book. The writing in this second memoir was nowhere near as good as the writing in the first memoir. Mr. Macaulay also stopped using asterisks while using a famous obscene word, as he used in the first book, and included much more obscenity. This probably made the book more realistic, but did nothing for its charm. Of course, life was becoming much more difficult for the teenaged Tony, not to mention violent; but even when the author was writing about funny things in this book, it just wasn't funny. He also included a story about why he broke up with his first girlfriend, Sharon Burgess, that did not match the break-up story in the first book! (One wonders if possibly Sharon Burgess read the first book and contacted the author, warning him he better get their break-up story straight in the second book? :) Yes, *A Breadboy: Teenage Kicks and Tatey Bread, What Paperboy Did Next* was turning out to be a bit of a stale read. That is, until the 70% location of the Kindle version. For suddenly, at about the 70% location of the story, the writing started sounding like it was written by the author who wrote the first book! It became funny and touching and just written a whole lot better. That last 30% made me love this second book almost as much as the first. Moreover, this second memoir had a particularly poignant part at the end where young Tony is dancing to *I Will Survive* at the Westy Disco, and hoping everyone he knew had a long future. He says: "I wanted all of us to survive. I didn't want anyone to joining the paramilitaries or start drinking too much or get cancer. I didn't want anyone to have bad nerves or get shot in the chest at their front door or get blown to pieces at the shops. I wanted us all to stay alive forever." The wishful words of the only pacifist paperboy and breadboy in 1970's Belfast, Northern Ireland.

A wonderful view of life in a divided city with all the highs and lows as seen through the eyes of a teenage boy. A great read which capture the reality of life in a very humours yet accurate way. The characters are real the places exist and the thoughts and feeling of the writer have a common feel. The perfect sequel to 'The Paperboy'

Loved all three in this series!!!

Having visited Belfast twice I appreciated the geography and speech. Macaulay writes in an entertaining manner. Waiting for the next book on growing up in Belfast.

Great book. Funny and well written

An enjoyable follow-up to Paperboy. Funny and at times moving. Would have liked a glossary explaining the Belfast vernacular.

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