

TIM EWINS  
**WE ARE ANIMALS**

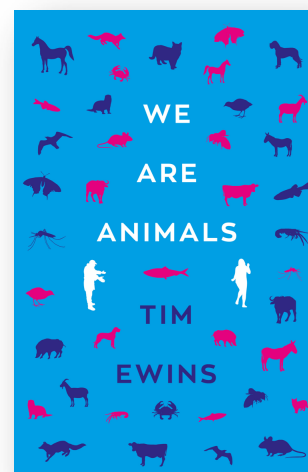
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*A cow looks out to sea, dreaming of a life that involves grass.*

Jan is also looking out to sea. He’s in Goa, dreaming of the passport-thief who stole his heart (and his passport) forty-six years ago. Back then, fate kept bringing them together, but lately it seems to have given up.

Jan has not. In his long search he has accidentally held a whole town at imaginary gunpoint in Soviet Russia, stalked the proprietors of an international illegal lamp-trafficking scam and done his very best to avoid any kind of work involving the packing of fish. Now he thinks if he just waits, if he just does nothing at all, maybe fate will find it easier to reunite them.

His story spans fifty-four years, ten countries, two imperfect criminals (and one rather perfect one), twenty-two different animals and an annoying teenager who just...

Will...

Not...

Leave.

But maybe an annoying teenager is exactly what Jan needs to help him find the missing thief?

Featuring a menagerie of creatures, each with its own story to tell, *We Are Animals* is a quirky, heart-warming tale of lost love, unlikely friendships and the certainty of fate (or lack thereof).

**TIM EWINS** has enjoyed an eight-year stand-up career alongside his accidental career in finance.

He has previously written for *DNA Mumbai*, had two short stories highly commended and published in Michael Terence Short Story Anthologies, and enjoyed a very brief acting stint (he's in the film *Bronson*, somewhere in the background).

He lives with his wife, son and dog in Bristol. *We Are Animals* is his first novel.

## PRAISE

'A heartwarming tale of lost love and unlikely friendships, featuring a menagerie of animals who each have their story to tell' **Waitrose Weekend**

'A witty, engaging, offbeat tale of a decades-spanning love, set in various locations across the world and co-starring several animals' **Bristol 24/7**

'A feel-good story about how sometimes the best thing to do is just have faith that everything will work out in the end. I think it's the story we all need right now' **Popsugar – books to read while social distancing**

'So beautifully and cleverly written, with loveable ordinary but brilliant characters that tell you a fascinating and deeply touching story. This is a book about love, fate, hope and all those small but unforgettable moments. It's a feel-good story that makes you think deeper about everything we want in life and what life offers us. And the symbolism is so stunning, I'm in awe' **The Book Confessions**  
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'A beautifully repeating pattern of small moments of happiness and sadness, mixed with plenty of humour, pathos and an unbelievable number of coincidences. It is also the story of how we touch each others' lives, unknowing, as we move around the planet focused intently on our own priorities. Both amusing and profound, this book stands out from the crowd, and will stay with you long after the sounds of the silent disco fade' **Bookshine and Readbows**

'If you love quirky then you'll adore this very different, witty, poignant, clever book. It's a fresh, sweetly touching novel that will twang your heartstrings whilst making you smile' **Books are Cool**

'What a funny, heart-warming and surprising book – the right mix of humour and emotion. The story seems so absurd at its beginning, but as it progresses it becomes so much more. It's about love and loss and hope and fate, and how lives are touched and changed by passing encounters. The writing is so clever and witty that I found myself laughing out loud' **My Treasure in Books**

'A fabulously entertaining and heartwarming story. It's a humorous homage to travel, love, loss and fate. And the animals, don't forget the animals! It's a tale that will warm your heart while breaking it a little' **A Little Bright Corner**

'A little absurd, a little sad, a little hopeful, and overall heart-breaking in its acceptance. I think if you like the works of David Sedaris, you'll enjoy *We Are Animals*' **Radzy Writes, Reads and Reviews**

'What starts off as a tale of lost love soon turns much deeper, showing how fate and chance can cause our paths to cross at just the right moment... both heartwarming and heartbreaking... I can't wait to see more from Tim Ewins' **KT Robson**