

Hawkwood Books Blog: April 2020

Darryl's Diary

I'm not sure what was on my mind when I began Hawkwood Books in 2006, fourteen years ago, but I'm pretty sure I didn't expect to be publishing a story about life in a gay seaside hotel. But that's what I'm doing. Darryl's Diary by Brian Chaucer came my way a few months ago. It was the funniest, most politically incorrect, original, honest and, in a sense, innocent piece of writing I'd read for a long time, perhaps ever.

Darryl tells his own story of enterprise, business, love and friendship as he takes on a seaside guest house with little money but lots of heart and determination. Nothing gets him down, not even the most challenging of guests. Friendly, kind, trusting but not foolish, Darryl shares with us the hilarious, mind-bogglingly outrageous events of his brave change of life from mortuary assistant to hotelier. If you need a distraction from our sea of troubles, this might be an option.

I was planning to produce the printed book first then the digital version, but the current pandemic has forced me to switch this around. Like all publishing projects, it's a gamble, much more so than usual, something totally different from anything else on the Hawkwood list, but definitely the funniest.

Darryl's Diary: 978-1-908577-94-8.

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