



Tony Baldwinson, budding author of *Further Down the River*

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■ Sale man releases first novel in literary debut

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WRITING is in the blood for Sale author Tony Baldwinson, whose has just made his literary debut with his novel *Further Down the River*.

Both his parents were journalists working in the newspaper industry, and the 56-year-old said his book was inspired by what is fertile territory for anyone with an urge to write.

Tony, from Chapel Road, said: "The book was inspired by many years of working in the public sector and thinking that the scope for crime, intrigue and heroism in public service has been overlooked. Any town hall has a wealth of stories, many of them you just could not make up."

Many people immerse themselves in a good book while sunning themselves on holiday but it was while he was enjoying a break that the plot for the novel came to him.

He explained: "Most of my writing has been non-fiction in the voluntary and community sector, such as books

on funding. Then, two years ago I was on holiday and this novel just started coming to me. My grandfather had wished he could work as a writer but at 13 he had to leave school and a scholarship to bring home a wage. I inherited his old typewriter and I write my fiction as Jack Duffy in his honour."

The novel's central character is Maria Kaminski who finds herself swept into the murky world of international crime. Set in London the novel sees the safety of one of the most famous cities in the world at stake.

But Tony said the story doesn't end here for Maria, who finds herself "caught up in the shenanigans of big companies" in the follow-up book.

When it comes to his own writing influences, Tony said he's a huge admirer of Ernest Hemmingway, and said: "Even at school I was eternally grateful to my English teacher when Miss Peel let me read him instead of Joseph Conrad. The early Stephen King has been a good influence."

■ *Further Down The River* is £8.99, due for release on August 31. To find out more, visit epibookdelivery.com.