

## 'Tony Robinson is a god of history'

'USING HIS MOST FAMOUS CHARACTER AS A REFERENCE POINT, TONY ROBINSON PRESENTS AN AMUSING, REVISIONIST VIEW OF HISTORY THAT CHAMPIONS THE LITTLE GUY. Neatly comparing Baldrick's downtrodden experience to that of his own father, an intelligent man excluded from further education by his class, this is a passionate socialist polemic made palatable by Robinson's droll delivery. Through Agincourt and the Somme, to his own experiences as a skiving schoolboy, via Blackadder and the archaeology show, Time Team, Robinson brings home the message that your ancestors suffered in ways you can scarcely imagine

Moreover, far from seeming like a contrived, almost Zelig-like relation of a minor celebitty's career path to important battles and world events, Robinson's roles and presenting jobs start to seem like the logical path of someone fighting the good fight. HE IS NEVER LESS THAN CHARMING, FUNNY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY ERUDITE.' THE SCOTSMAN \*\*\* \*\*\*