

Hellraisers: a graphic biography by Robert Sellers and JAKe



Hellraisers is the story of four of the greatest boozers of all time: Richard Burton, Richard Harris, Peter O'Toole & Oliver Reed. Robert Sellers and JAKe weave their four biographies seamlessly into one boozy adventure.

So pull up a barstool and get ready to hear some ripping yarns of vodka-fuelled fun, parties, orgies, binges, blackouts and killer hangovers.

Our tale begins in an ordinary London pub at Christmas time. Sitting alone at the bar is Martin, drinking himself into oblivion.

Our four Hellraisers, alerted to a comrade in need, are compelled to intervene. One by one, they take this disillusioned soul on a personal tour of their lives, their tumultuous childhoods, rise to stardom, and chaotic personal lives; providing all wannabe hellraisers with four cautionary tales in comic form.

But before you get settled, it's your round!



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Robert Sellers, Author
Hellraisers



JAKE, Artist
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Robert Sellers on *Hellraisers*:

“ The aim of the graphic novel was clear, to produce an unapologetic celebration of the booze-soaked and the damned in our sanctimonious ‘Oprah’ age of public confession and easy redemption. ”

JAKE on *Hellraisers*:

“ I spent a lot of time studying footage of each actor to mimic their movements and expressions, so I could get them to ‘act’ their dialogue. But, like being drunk, there’s a mixture of realism and exaggeration in there. My aim was to make the comic rocket along at pace with a very graphic, booze-sodden tone, which lurches from funny to surreal to absurd to tragic. ”

Richard Burton:

“ God put me on this earth to raise sheer hell. ”

Richard Harris:

“ I was a sinner. I slugged some people. I hurt many people. And it’s true, I never looked back to see the casualties. ”

Oliver Reed:

“ I don’t have a drink problem. But if that was the case and doctors told me I had to stop I’d like to think I would be brave enough to drink myself into the grave. ”

Peter O’Toole:

“ Booze is the most outrageous of drugs, which is why I chose it. ”

NOTES FOR EDITORS:



- **SelfMadeHero** is an award-winning, graphic novel publishing house, which was established by Emma Hayley in London in 2007
- **JAKE** is an illustrator, graphic designer and comic artist whose work is featured in many magazines including *NME*, *TimeOut* and *Esquire*.

His illustrations appear in *How To Speak Wookiee* and the *Mighty Book of Boosh*
- **Robert Sellers** is the author of *Hellraisers*, *Bad Boy Drive*, *Hollywood Hellraisers* and *A-Z of Hellraisers*. He is a regular contributor to *Empire*, *Total Film* and *the Independent*

- **Interviews & Call Ins:** Robert Sellers and JAKE are both based in London and are available for interview
- **Review copies:** Online and physical copies can be arranged via Maya Bradford
- **Images** at screen resolution can be downloaded from here: bit.ly/Hellraisers_MediaPack with alternative images available on request.

