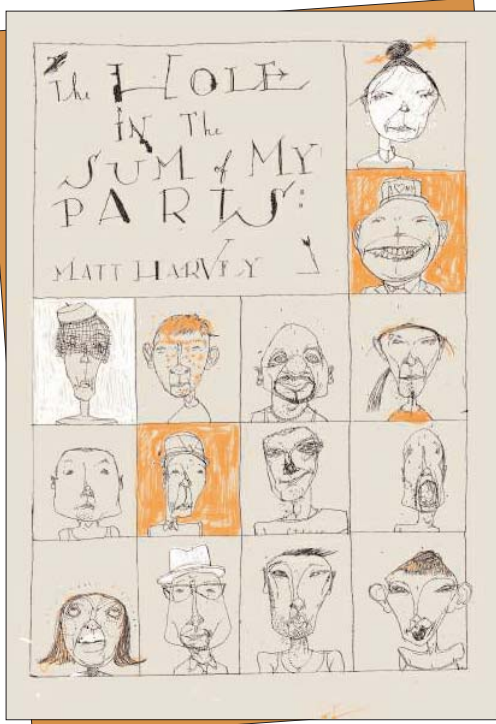


THE HOLE IN THE SUM OF MY PARTS

by Matt Harvey



- New release to the book trade following private sales of 3,500+ copies at festivals and readings
- A regular voice on BBC Radio Four – *Saturday Live*, *Off The Page*, *Word of Mouth*, *A Good Read* – Matt Harvey has a growing national following
- Hugely popular and always in demand on the UK festival and readings circuit
- Poems for people who thought they didn't like poetry!
- Poems about lonely hearts, tea-bags, religious conversions, gradients, gigabytes, curtains, free verse and lots more
- Unique colour illustrations by David Hughes

TO A VERY SPECIAL SLOPE

You're such a radiant gradient

A smooth one, not a hilly one

Your red-rimmed sign says you're one in nine

But to me you're one in a million

Matt Harvey's poems and stories can be enjoyed by people of all ages, backgrounds and body-types. He writes tenderly of love lost and mislaid, touches gently on haemorrhoids, and deals admirably briefly with the meaning of time. His poems ask questions – *If love can build a bridge, can affection put up a shelf?*

The Hole in The Sum of My Parts celebrates the trials and triumphs of hope over experience. Playful, perceptive, affectionate and above all, funny.

*A word-based
organism from Devon.*
The Times

Very funny.
The Independent



The Hole in The Sum of My Parts is Matt Harvey's first book. Since co-writing and co-starring in two series of *One Night Stanza*, he has become a Radio Four regular. Often described as a stand-up poet, he is in demand for his live performances all over the UK. Matt has lived in Totnes for twenty years. He is married with one wife. They have two sons.

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Matt Harvey's poems have appeared in *The Guardian*, *The Independent* and *The Mail On Sunday*. He has been described (accidentally) by *The Guardian* as 'one of Britain's leading poets' and (deliberately) by *The Independent* as 'a pale man in a suit'. They also said he is 'very funny'.

Picked the book up because I liked the pictures, bought it because I loved the poems. Read them, read them to my friends, read them to my enemies, read them to the Big Issue seller on the high street, would read them to you if I could...

Amazon Reader Review

One of the most humorous and talented contemporary writers and poets that I've read. And I've read quite a few. I've shown the book to everyone (including my English Lit Poetry teacher and my parents) and they all loved it and laughed a lot.

Reader feedback

The launch included a performance by Totnes-based performance poet Matt Harvey, who captivated the audience. Matt's original blend of incisive wit was both entertaining and thought provoking.

Devon Artsculture launch

On Saturday night, courtesy of two of the country's finest performance poets, there was also laughter. Matt Harvey and John Hegley took us all the way from blancmange to bereavement.

The Scotsman, StAnza Poetry Festival 2007

Matt Harvey has emerged as one of the country's cleverest, warmest and funniest poets, reaching nationwide audiences with his Radio 4 broadcasts.

Coastal Currents, Sussex

