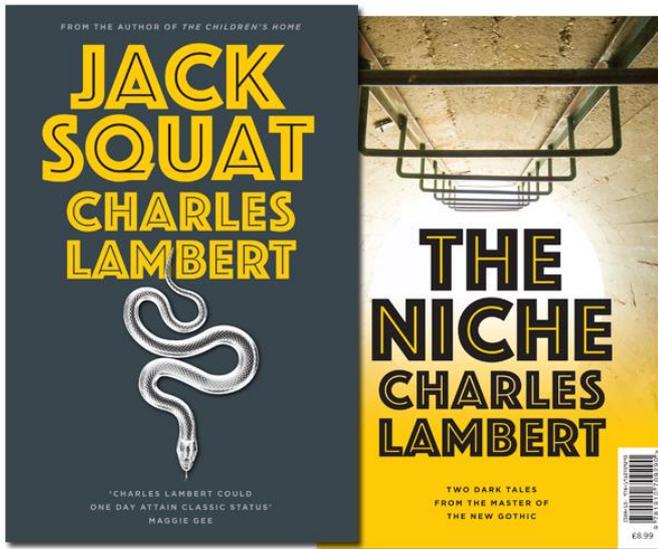


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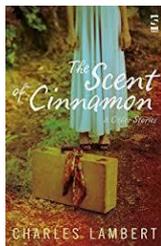
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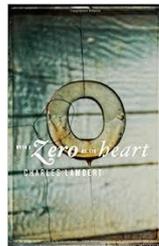
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- Eye-catching back-to-back flip book design
- LGBTQ appeal - the stories explore gay experience
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In 'Jack Squat', unemployed Gordon and his partner Omar see a money-making opportunity helping expats buy homes in southern Italy. But their scheme catches up with them after the first home they sell – curiously built with four entrances but no connecting doors inside – is revealed to have a dark history.

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Reviews

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The Author:

Charles Lambert was born in the UK but has lived in Italy since 1980. His memoir *With a Zero at its Heart* was named one of *The Guardian's* Ten Best Books of the Year in 2014.