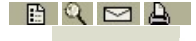


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Born on September 26, 1952, in Hainault, Essex, he left Chigwell's West Hatch Technical High School to join the LEB as a trainee showroom salesman. Later he became a journalist and worked on several local newspapers.

It was in his books, however, that his real talent emerged. His first, *Jack the Ripper: The Final Solution* (1976) set out to prove that the Ripper murders were the result of a freemasons' plot. His only novel was *Requiem at Rogano*, a Victorian detective story in a supernatural setting. This was followed by *The Brotherhood*, a direct result of his investigation into freemasonry for his book on Jack the Ripper. With its many allegations, among them that the KGB had infiltrated masonry, it caused a sensation when it was published.

His last book, *The Killing of Justice Godfrey*, also published in 1984, was another piece of investigative work.

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