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A NEW BOOK FROM PAUL SAYER 'Like So Totally'

It's the summer that I die. Like the beginning? God, don't start...

13 year-old Jessica Lovely is drowning in a Scarborough swimming pool. Her brief life passes before her eyes. But though she survives unharmed, a revelation of her imminent death stays with her. Haunted by this image, Jessica embarks on a teenage odyssey of promiscuity and wild self-discovery, courting danger and enduring an appalling assault, which gives rise to a further vision of a life of love and redemption beyond the follies of adolescence.

Like So Totally is the seventh novel by the former psychiatric nurse Paul Sayer. His earlier works include *The Comforts of Madness*, winner of the 1988 Whitbread First Novel and Book of the Year awards, and the Booker Prize long-listed *The Absolution Game*. His work has been translated into ten languages.

In recent years, Paul has supported his writing by working as a factory hand and a school cleaner. Most recently, he has been the Royal Literary Fund Fellow to the Environment Faculty at Leeds University 2008-10. He is also a frequent book reviewer, specialising in writing about psychiatric care and treatment. *Like So Totally* was written with the generous support of a Wingate Foundation scholarship.

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