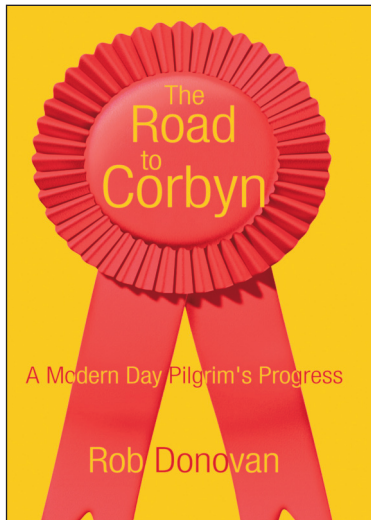




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THE ROAD TO CORBYN

Rob Donovan offers a telling insight into the mindset of the current political parties

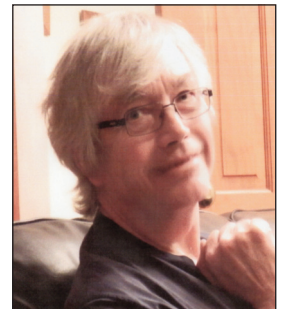
In 2008, when the financial crisis erupted, Rob Donovan sensed the historical significance of the event. 'I began compiling material from a range of sources,' explains Rob, 'to help me make sense of what was happening, both in society and in politics.' By 2013, Rob was writing his secular fantasy of a pilgrimage through the current landscape of the UK in order to expose the real meaning behind austerity and Tory neo-liberalism.

Following the style of Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress*, *The Road to Corbyn* begins with the conceit of a dream in which Pilgrim, a contemporary seeker after truth, is introduced to the characters Hope, Charity, and the Interpreter. The Interpreter is Pilgrim's guide, the voice that presents the big picture of the human species and their development, particularly within the last two hundred and fifty years.

The Interpreter's underlying beliefs about truth, all systematically referenced, serve in this work as a secular counterpart to Bunyan's belief in evangelical Christianity. The Interpreter's concerns are with inequality and the unjust distribution of wealth, the suffering that is thereby caused, and the deceptions of self and others that are needed to justify the power structures and politics that reinforce these inequalities and injustices.

'Through my referencing, I wanted to emulate Bunyan's loving use of biblical scholarship to justify his presentation of the truths of his Christian religion,' adds Rob. 'My seeker after truth becomes more and more convinced of the truth of the Interpreter's view which is somewhat hostile to the ideology now shaping the government of this realm.'

Educated in Dartford, Kent, **ROB DONOVAN** went on to read history at St Catherine's, Oxford. The following thirty years plus at the chalk-face never diminished his love affair with teaching. Along the way, Rob went on to obtain four Master's degrees and a Doctorate.



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