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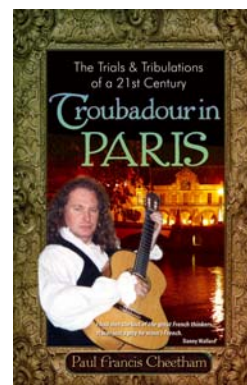
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**Pen Press are proud to announce the publication of a *The Trials and Tribulations of a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Troubadour in Paris* by the inimitable Paul Francis Cheetham.**

### **Book description**

In the spirit of Baudelaire, Ionesco, Jean Paul Sartre, Picasso and other great writers and artists, Paul Francis Cheetham recounts his time spent in Parisian café society, and a strange hotel Jim Morrison stayed in just before his demise. A surreal trip into the author's thoughts and experiences, from his attempts to found new religions and his colourful songwriting to the horrors of a severe arm infection and being poisoned by his own girlfriend (now ex). In keeping with Cheetham's sardonic streak, some of the scenarios provide rich veins of humour – readers may chuckle aloud at Guru Mc'Coypu's commandment to 'love everybody except people you don't like'.

Cheetham's prose style is conversational, sometimes quite confessional, but the main appeal of this work is its ironic, perceptive and sometimes touching observations on life and its absurdities, and the author's own personal forays into farce, from which he somehow still emerges as a more-or-less sane, self-aware human being. His Journal includes song lyrics from his Jean Paul Dionysus and Dr Space Toad personas and features many colourful characters that he met on this Parisian sojourn, with appearances from Mr Extremely Friendly, the Sardonic, the mad Japanese mathematician and the ghost of Jim Morrison.

*"Another work of genius from Dr Space Toad... Up there with «My Old Mate The Coypu»..."*  
**Captain Sensible**

*"I had met the last of the great French thinkers. It was just a pity he wasn't French."*  
**Danny Wallace**

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