

ABOUT THE COVER

Tony Bashforth was born in Sheffield, England in 1956. He first realized his artistic talent at the age of 19 when, serving a Borstal sentence, he won an Arthur Koestler Award for Prison Art. Later, while serving an eight-year sentence, he won three successive Koestler Awards (1982 -1984).

He has exhibited at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield and the Hayward Gallery, London. His work is also represented in the prestigious Outsiders Collection in London. His pictures have sold in Britain and Germany.

Tony has recently completed an autobiography covering the period from his childhood to his release from prison in 1986. He is now working on a series of pictures focusing on different aspects of criminal and prison life. He describes his art as a safety valve and means of survival, reflecting his physical and psychological experience.

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