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Title: "Ordinary Guy".

Description: Spoken Word – Poetry & Explanatory Prose. A Tribute to **Gil Scott Heron & The Last Poets**.

Author: Mark T. Watson – With a foreword from; **Jalal** of **The Last Poets**.

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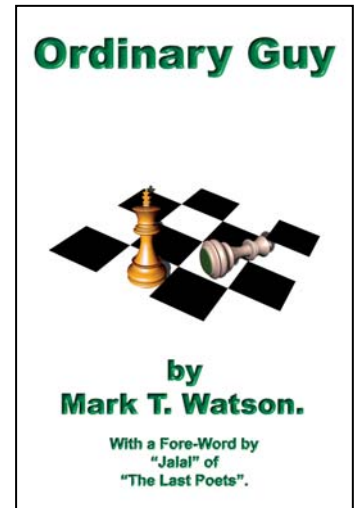
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Author Information: Mark T. Watson

"The journey started with his meeting the infamous political poet and performer "Gil Scott Heron" who took Mark under his wing and schooled him in life. Mark travelled - on and off - with Gil and his band from 1984 to the present day, touring the UK, Europe and the USA".

"During these tours, Gil took it upon himself to mentor Mark and encouraged him to become productive, creative and educated. This mentoring, combined with close study of Gil Scott Heron's published work had a dramatic effect on Mark, fostering a real sense of social responsibility and a desire to both change himself and bring about positive changes in the world".

Synopsis

This collection of poetry and explanatory prose spans a 10 year period when Mark was touring with Gil Scott Heron and travelling the world as a seaman in between tours *"and is a tribute to Gil Scott Heron and the Last Poets for their selfless pursuit of truth and their unwavering stance for justice in the face of adversity but moreover, for their compassion and spiritual guidance for someone like Mark, who was after all, just an 'Ordinary Guy'".*

"Exhilarating!

This must read collection, is a black Liverpoolians odyssey to find his 'truth' expressed in beautiful but always hard hitting poetry". **Eddie Amoo (The Real Thing)**.

"Mark Watson has spent years touring and hanging out with 'Gil Scott Heron' and 'The Last Poets'. Check out the foreword of his book. This has been some life".

Pete Wylie (The Mighty WAH).

"As a white man living in Liverpool, I felt privileged to read these powerful poems, which give some insight into the emotions and history of the black people of this city. These aren't poems about 'daffodils' they're about human beings and their lives. Mark is no 'ordinary guy' but he gives voice to all the ordinary lives of black people in this city." **Roger Phillips (BBC Radio Merseyside)**.

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