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Christopher Shevlin grew up in Doncaster, in Yorkshire, and consoled himself for it by reading a lot. His favourite authors include Douglas Adams, Henry Howarth Bashford, Geoffrey Willans, Thackeray and PG Wodehouse. After school he worked briefly as a door-to-door vacuum-cleaner salesman in Yorkshire and as a labourer in Tel Aviv. At 23 he moved to London, where he has stayed ever since. He works as a freelance, helping companies to write better - by training, coaching, advising and doing the writing himself. His desk is clogged up with novels that he hasn't finished writing. The first completed book to emerge from the pile is *The Perpetual Astonishment of Jonathon Fairfax*, which he hopes you enjoy. To find out more, visit his website: christophershevlin.com.

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