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| John Hunt Publishing - **Zero Books** - announces the new title | | |
| **Coming From Nothing** A Thought Experiment Novella  Matthew McKeever  Coming From Nothing is a tragi-comic love story concerned with notions of identity, such as Judith Butler's idea that sexual identity isn't determined by the body, and John Locke's that personal identity is a question of memory. The first novella in Zero Books new series of Thought Experiment Novellas, these are books that work out philosophical arguments in their plots. Whether focusing on William James' determinism, Descartes' mind/body dualism, or Judith Butler's argument for gender performativity, these short books attempt to flesh out philosophical problems. They are stories wherein philosophical ideas have consequences, at least in the lives of the characters.  **Author Bio** Matthew McKeever is an academic philosopher from Northern Ireland. He works as a research assistant affiliated with the University of Oslo's ConceptLab, and is editorial assistant for the philosophy journal Inquiry. He received his PhD from St Andrews on philosophy of language. He has published stories and articles on analytic philosophy and popular culture. Online: [Author Website](http://mipmckeever.weebly.com), [Twitter](http://www.twitter.com/#!/@mittmattmutt)  **Endorsements** *Coming from Nothing is a literary beignet sweetened by a rich powdering of philosophical speculation. The metaphysics of gender, the nature of personal identity, the relations among mind, body, information, and society - all of these contribute to a central philosophical enigma. Are Carrie’s and Jules’s driftingly intersecting lives governed by the causal powers of absences, or by the absence of causal powers?* ***Josh Dever, Professor of Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin***  **Promotional Plans** Book launch in Dublin/Belfast. Author to publish articles in philosophy magazines, and post blogs related to philosophical fiction as publication date approaches. Endorsements, social media promotion crossed with Zero Books thriving platforms and podcast. Zero Books to launch their Thought Experiment Novellas series with Coming From Nothing.  **USP** A funny, sad, clever story about identity in the internet age.  **Competing Books** The Broom Of The System 9780349109237, by David Foster Wallace Abacus, 1997  **Categories** FICTION (General)(FIC039000) -> Visionary & Metaphysical(FIC039000) FICTION (General)(FIC060000) -> Humorous (General)(FIC060000) -> Black Humor(FIC060000) PHILOSOPHY (General)(PHI005000) -> Ethics & Moral Philosophy(PHI005000) |  | **Publication Date** May 2018  **Paperback** ISBN: 978-1-78535-619-3 $12.95  |  £7.99 8.5x5.5 inches | 216x140 mm 136PP  **e-book** ISBN: 978-1-78535-620-9 $7.99  |  £4.99  **Library of Congress** 2016961472 |
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