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| **Karna's Wheel**  Michael Tobert  Secrets present. Secrets past. Secrets in India, where Stephen’s grandfather is a lowly functionary in the engine room of the Raj. Secrets at home, held tightly by Stephen’s half-Indian, half-Scottish mother. And it is only by uncovering what has been hidden that Stephen can win Julia, a woman with secrets of her own which Stephen has to earn the right to hear.  Set in St Andrews, among the jute mills of Dundee (1915-23), in the industrial underbelly of colonial Calcutta (1923-46) and on the epic plains of ancient India, *Karna’s Wheel* is a poignant story of love, inheritance, and the things which make us what we are.  **Endorsements** *Karna's Wheel is compelling, multi-layered and beautifully written. Set in Scotland and India, it interweaves class and colonialism across the generations in a novel which is never less than highly entertaining.* ***Chris Given-Wilson, shortlisted for the Wolfson History Prize 2017***  *Exquisitely written, quirky and wonderfully readable, Karna’s Wheel is touching, humorous, informative and pretty shocking. The research is faultless but never stands in the way of a good story. I hope it gets where it deserves to be – on the bestseller lists.* ***Robin Pilcher, Novelist.***  **Author Bio** MICHAEL TOBERT went to Oxford University, started a publishing company of sorts and lives in Scotland where he and his wife have built a Montessori nursery school at the bottom of their garden. She, and others, look after the children while he scythes the nettles and whispers encouragement to the wild flowers. Online: [Author Website](http://michaeltobertbooks.com/).  **Previous Titles** Cryptogram (9781782796817), Cosmic Egg Books, 2014. Pilgrims in the Rough (9781906817961), Luath Press, 2011. The Mating Call of the Racket-Tailed Drongo (9781906307509), Luath Press, 2008 (Shortlisted for the Dundee International Book Prize 2007).  **Promotional Plans** Source key endorsements. Entry for literary awards, both international and Scottish. Targeted online and press review campaign in the lead up to publication. Author events in bookshops, especially in Scotland where parts of this novel are set. Social media promotion.  **USP** A beautifully crafted, always distinct novel; a story of love and the search for truth set against the industrial backdrop of the Raj, viewed – as it rarely has been in English fiction – from the bottom up.  **Competing Books** Cloud Atlas 9780340822784, David Mitchell, Sceptre, 2004  **Categories** FICTION (General)(FIC014000) -> Historical(FIC014000) FICTION (General)(FIC051000) -> Cultural Heritage(FIC051000) FICTION (General)(FIC019000) -> Literary(FIC019000) |  | **Publication Date** September 2018  **Paperback** ISBN: 978-1-78535-824-1 $21.95  |  £13.99 8.5x5.5 inches | 216x140 mm 264PP  **e-book** ISBN: 978-1-78535-825-8 $7.99  |  £4.99  **Library of Congress** 2017950185 |
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