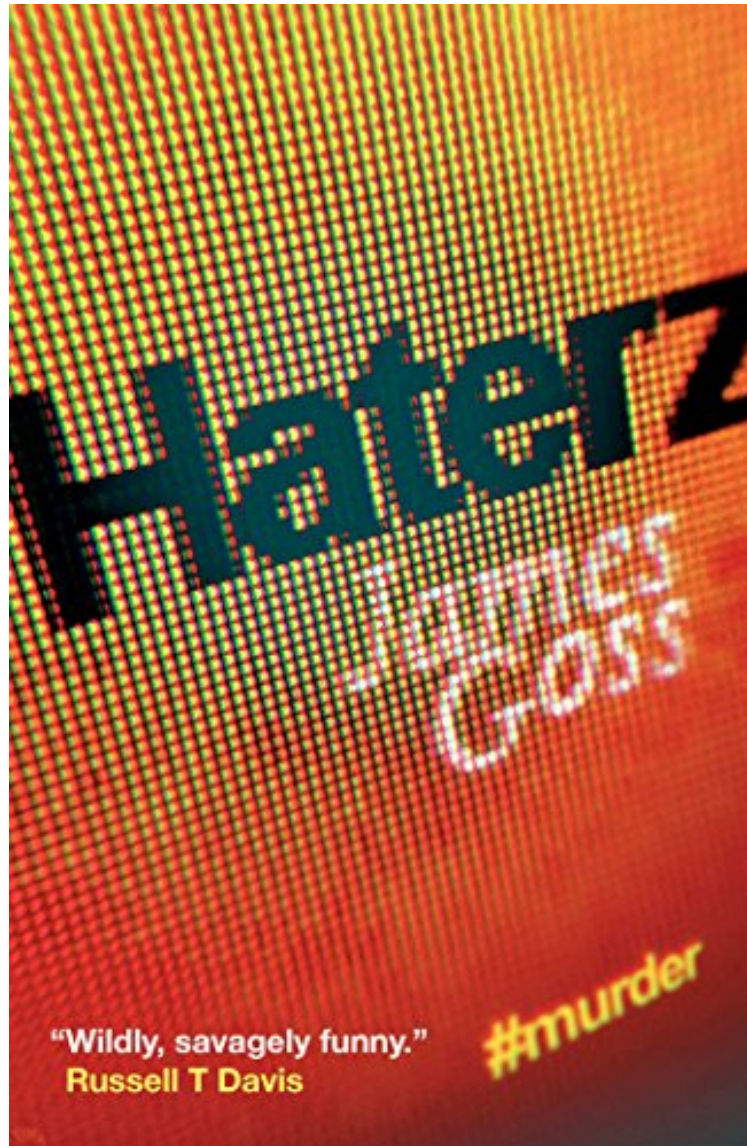


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. For the social media junkies By Reading Donkey (Bulgaria) "There's something wrong with the internet." If we have to discuss best first sentences, this one will definitely go in my personal Top 10. In the age of social media, who wouldn't agree? Hopefully most people wouldn't follow with the likes of "I mean, I'm not saying the internet made me kill Daniell, but it certainly helped" ...Daniell is the best mate's

girlfriend. One of those annoying creatures who know nothing about internet and so they go and break it down for everyone else. You know the type - constantly pushing you to accept their facebook friendship, posting pictures of their breakfast or toe nails, crowding your wall with photos of babies and said boyfriend, checking in all the weird places, supporting "patriotic" causes... And what is worse - constantly searching for approval! Getting high on likes! She deserves to die, right? It's just that... someone knows what you did to Daniell. And this one wants you to help fight injustice on the Net! All of us who spend (too much) time on-line will get this book and will get hooked! I read it in what felt like one breath, constantly pushing down the nasty feeling that.. it cannot be that good, at the end it will simply flop! Well, it didn't! Read on! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Surprising Manifesto By Kara Dennison I wasn't sure what to expect what I picked up "Haterz," beyond knowing that Goss always delivers. I definitely wasn't expecting to see the Internet as I know it depicted so painfully accurately. Goss carefully spotlights and skewers social media overshare, call-out culture, fandom, online business, piracy, and forum etiquette one after the other in a series of anecdotes that merge into one satisfying finale. While the book does have its twists and turns as we follow the narrator on his stealthy murder spree, the biggest twist is one in tone. It's a bit like being a frog in a slowly boiling pot. We sympathize with his observations, then find ourselves witnessing the actions those observations spur. But the boiling point is an unexpected one, as we receive the most important (and sometimes most difficult) truth of the book during Dave's climactic speech and find that the moral of the story isn't the moral we were necessarily prepared to receive. It's a cleverly written story, an examination of online culture, and -- most importantly -- an examination of how we perceive and react to it. It left me thinking, but not in the way I was expecting to. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. If You Spend Time Online, You'll Love This Book. Although Not For the Squeamish By cleosmom Although I am old and totally social media illiterate, I do spend enough time on the internet to recognize most, if not all, of the thinly veiled references in the book; and I loved it. It is very funny (albeit disturbing in spots) and I'm sure most of us have imagined for a moment or two doing what Dave does but luckily we can just live vicariously through him. A guy like someone we know, who is super smart online, but a little dumb IRL. The blurb pretty much tells you all you need to know about what the book's about and if I said anymore I'd spoil it; so just get the book and read it. It's fun.

A blackly comic crime novel about a one-man crusade to rid the internet of haters, flammers, trolls and vaguebookers... even if he has to kill to do it. Is there someone online who really grates on you? That friend who's always bragging about their awesome life and endlessly sharing tired memes, and who just doesn't get jokes? Look at your Twitter feed: don't you get cross at the endless rage, the thoughtless bigotry and the pleading for celebrity retweets? Meet Dave, a street fundraiser and fan of cat pictures. He's decided that unfollowing just isn't enough. He's determined to make the internet a nicer place, whatever it takes. When he killed his best friend's girlfriend, he wasn't planning on changing the world. She was just really annoying on Facebook. But someone saw, and made him an offer. Someone who knows what he's capable of, and wants to use him to take control of the darkness at the heart of the internet. And now the bodies – the comment trolls, the sexual predators, the obnoxious pop stars – are starting to mount up...

“Wildly, savagely funny... This book makes me furious. It makes me dizzy. It makes me roar... this book should be SEEN, it should be READ, it is IMPORTANT.” (Russell T Davies) “Haterz is horribly accurate about the way we live now, and proves that good liberals make the best (and funniest) serial killers. The jokes are smart, the plotting is vicious and the story will shame anyone who's spent too much time faffing on Facebook. Mr Goss has crafted the first truly mean-spirited internet psycho-satire.” (Christopher Fowler, author of the Bryant and May books) “James Goss is dangerous. His work makes you laugh one moment then, just as he's weakened your defenses, he attacks with a killing blow.” (Guy Adams, author of The Clown Service) “If you've ever written anything unwise on the Internet or felt that social media is just too dominant in our lives, this will appeal to you. Partially an angry polemic against the way technology has shaped our worldview, but mostly a very clever social satire, Haterz is a technological thriller that actually understands how the World Wide Web has changed people. Funny, clever and shocking, this book, somewhat ironically, deserves to go viral.” (Starburst Magazine) About the Author James Goss has written three Torchwood novels, a Doctor Who novel and two radio plays. He won Best Audiobook 2010 and his books Dead of Winter and First Born were both nominated for the 2012 British Fantasy Awards.