

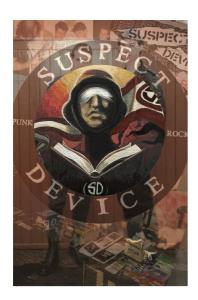
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Running at the Edge of Their World

: The Suspect Device Fanzine Story by Tony and Gaz Suspect

Running At the Edge of the World, is a compulsive, engaging page turning account of how they helped to shape and define a scene with their little zine that could, Suspect Device.

Tim Cundle - Mass Movement

The behind-the-scenes story of one of the U.K.'s longest running, and best loved punk fanzines. From the typewriter set, cut and paste layouts, to the illicit night-time, photocopying, up to today's comparatively slick output. The book is filled with stories right from the very beginning of the community they helped build and support, and still do. It's about the changes and challenges Tony and Gaz had to overcome, and the lifelong friendships created in the process.

This book is about the Suspect Device fanzine, but it's also about the punks who came together to create the scene based on the principles of DIY, friendship and co-operation. You'll love it, and it may even inspire you.

As the foreword from Pete Zonked says, "Get off your ass and do something."

Gaz and Tony Suspect met on their first day of school and have been friends for over 50 years now. This friendship was solidified in their teenage years by a mutual love of going to football and punk rock. Going to football meant facing the weekly dangers of opposition supporters, violent police and Tony's grandads driving. But they came through it all relatively unscathed. Cycle rides between their respective houses meant running the gauntlet of unlit country roads, scary woods and the threat of seeing Tony's grandads car coming towards them. Gaz's dad could never understand why they both bought the same records, while Tony's dad introduced Gaz to darts and home brewed beer. Tony doesn't play darts or drink beer.

They have been through most of the ups and downs life throws at you and survived due in part to their friendship and punk rock. Gaz now lives in Norfolk and Tony lives in the New Forest. Tony has been in several bands - Obvious Action, Fusion, Thirst!, Portiswood, Chokeword, Pilger, Screwed up flyer, The shorts, and is currently in Abrazos.

Gaz hasn't been in any bands because he has no rhythm, no sense of timing, and generally can't remember what day of the week it is, let alone lyrics or chords.

