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Death of an Owl

From the bestselling author of *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen* comes a new novel about political expediency, spin and unholy alliances.

Completed by Piers Torday.

Brought up in Switzerland, the only son of well-to-do parents, Charles Fryerne is somewhat unprepared for the world he encounters when he goes up to Oxford University in the early 1980s. There he meets a fascinating social set, including a stellar young playwright, a student dubbed ‘the future leader of the Conservative party’ and a mercurial figure with ambitions to become the youngest prime minister since Pitt.

When they leave university, Fryerne and his contemporaries go their separate ways. But as Charles’s career as a journalist takes off, he finds himself once more in their orbit and observes at first hand the price of ambition, and the inner workings of the political machine.

Paul Torday burst on to the literary scene in 2007 with his first novel, *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen*, since translated into 28 languages and made into a critically-acclaimed film. His subsequent novels, including *The Girl on the Landing* and *Light Shining in the Forest*, were all rapturously received. He died in 2013.

Piers Torday’s bestselling first book, *The Last Wild*, was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children’s Book Award and nominated for the CILIP Carnegie Medal. His second book, *The Dark Wild*, won the *Guardian* Children’s Fiction Prize 2014. He is Paul Torday’s son and lives in London.

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