

The Joy of Tax is on its way

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For a number of years I said I was working on a book called The Joy of Tax. However the immediacy of campaigning and the specific demands of particular and quite focussed projects got in the way. And I also need to write [The Courageous State](#) first.

However, yesterday I signed a contract to write a book with that title. Like The Courageous State this is a book that's going to be written in a hurry. The first draft is due at the end of September and the final text by the end of October. Publication is planned for next March. Transworld - a part of Random House - are my publisher. Random House published [Over Here and Under Taxed](#).

What this means is that there are a lot of words to write in a short time. However, to put it in context, there will probably be more words put on this blog between now and the end of October than will go into the book.

So, what's it all about? Effectively it is a manifesto for tax reform. I think we have got to the point where tax campaigns have fundamentally changed perceptions on tax avoidance, tax evasion, tax havens, corporate abuse and much else. But, what we have not, I think, yet done is put tax where it really belongs, which is at the heart of the policy agenda across the whole range of social and economic issues that it impacts on. I believe that proper tax policy has the power to transform society, and so lives. That's what I think the Joy of Tax is.

But if you'll excuse me I need to go and explain why. There are only about 60,000 words to go.