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## Launch of Jimmy Coates – Blackout by Joe Craig

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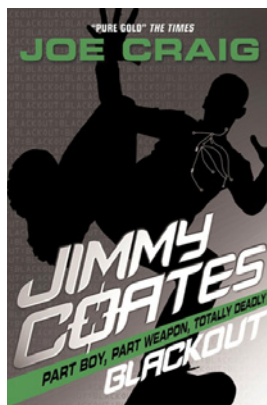
Joe Craig is a novelist, screenwriter, songwriter and performer. He's written seven books in the best-selling Jimmy Coates series, [jimmycoates.com](http://jimmycoates.com) Joe has visited over 200 Schools with his 'Joe Craig show' inspiring children to read and write. To find out more about Joe and get top tips on writing and reading go to [joecraig.co.uk](http://joecraig.co.uk)

**Aaron: Which genre would you classify your books as?**

Joe: Action thriller. My books have the structure of a thriller within a dystopian background with many twists in the plot.

**Aaron: Where did you get your idea for the character Jimmy?**

Joe: I wanted to write an exciting story where the character develops with the plot and most importantly, Jimmy had to be believable.





**Aaron: Who or what inspired you to be a writer?**

Joe: All the great stories that I love inspired me to want to write. Also the encouragement from people around me. I remember vividly telling my Mum the first idea I had for a book, and her telling me to get on, write it down and not to leave it as just an idea.

**Aaron: What was the first book you read?**

Joe: The Fox Busters by Dick King Smith. When I was younger I stopped reading novels and read books about cricket for a bit, I am an impatient reader. Memorable books for me when I was younger were the ones by Paul Auster and Mervyn Peake.

**Aaron: What did you want to be when you were 13 years old?**

Joe: When I was 13 years old I wanted to be a musician and song writer. I do write songs as a hobby now. I was always late for school, I knew I was never going to get a normal job, I was very single minded even then.

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