

# my fellow americans

two wide-eyed Brits lost on the campaign trail



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**The 2008 American Presidential Election** is the most important in decades—it will decide not only the future of the most powerful nation on earth, but the lives of billions who live outside of the US borders, from Basra to Bangkok, from London to Lebanon.

In late 2007, two young Brits—the *Guardian* and *New Statesman* music writer Dan Hancox and *Eagle* award nominated comic artist Tom Humberstone—got together to tell the story of the people who would choose the next President of the United States, embarking on a **Hunter S Thompson-style roadtrip through the USA's highways and backwoods during the white-hot intensity of the Presidential primary season.**

While the real journalists were at press conferences or chained to their desks Hancox and Humberstone were **out there covering the election on the ground**, at caucuses, bars, diners and on ill-lit street corners. They dodged crop dusters and tumbleweed, met vampires, POWs, Katrina survivors, religious fanatics, minor candidates and Chelsea Clinton, and embraced voters of all persuasions across 24 states in seven weeks.



**Their blog, [www.myfellowamericans2008.com](http://www.myfellowamericans2008.com) became one of the hits of the primary season**, picking up plaudits from *The Times*, *The Guardian*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *BBC Radio Five Live*, and leading political bloggers like Iain Dale.

Now they present **My Fellow Americans**, their journey to the heart of American politics, containing the very best of their first-hand reports and live sketches from the campaign trail, as well as lots of exclusive new material.

Forget wayward opinion polls and so-called expert pundits, *YouTube* debates and spin doctors, this election is about the American people, and *My Fellow Americans* is not only the first book published about this election: it's the only one telling their story.

## NOTES TO EDITORS

Dan Hancox and Tom Humberstone are available for interview – contact **07828 823 987** or e-mail **press@myfellowamericans2008.com**  
Press copies for review are available

### Some Fun Facts

Hancox and Humberstone are both 26 years old.  
Their favourite American store names are Dress Barn and Jiffy Lube respectively.  
They travelled 9,000 miles in seven weeks, across 24 states.  
They met more Americans than they could possibly count.  
They financed the trip themselves: fortunately the gas was pretty cheap.



### Selected Quotes about My Fellow Americans

“A great mixture of laugh-out-loud funny and scratch-that-goatee-insightful.”  
—Jesse Armstrong, writer of *The Thick Of It* and *Peep Show*

“I usually find politics depressing, but here’s a case of seeing the American system through someone else’s eyes, and being reminded that even if not in practice, the real idea behind democracy is giving a voice to everyone. With humor and charm, Dan and Tom get at what elections should really be about—the voters.”  
—Jeffrey Brown, author of *Little Things*

“When Hancox and Humberstone get up close and personal with the American elections and electorate, their unique words-and-pictures reports offer the special perspective only insightful outsiders can bring. Enlightening entertainment.”  
—Paul Gravett, author of *Graphic Novels: Stories to Change Your Life*

### About the authors

**Dan Hancox** is one of Britain’s leading music writers. He blogs about London’s grime music for the sheer hell of it, and as a freelance journalist covers everything from flash mobs to cryptozoology. As well as being a former *New Statesman* columnist and regular contributor, he writes for *The Guardian*, *The Independent*, *The Word*, *FACT*, *Woofah*, *Nylon* and *Dazed&Confused*. He is a journalist by day, and a political geek in his spare time. Hancox won £683.61 betting on the 2005 UK General Election; and no, he’s not giving you any tips this time around.

**Tom Humberstone** is a globally-respected illustrator and comic artist. Also from London, his work has taken him to places as far-flung as Warsaw and Toronto, while in the UK his work has exhibited at the Vegas Gallery, the Hayward Gallery, and the ICA. He has been profiled in *Dazed&Confused* and has been nominated for two Eagle awards. Humberstone’s caustic self-published comics sell out print run after print run, and he has gathered a global following under his pseudonym ‘Vented Spleen’.

