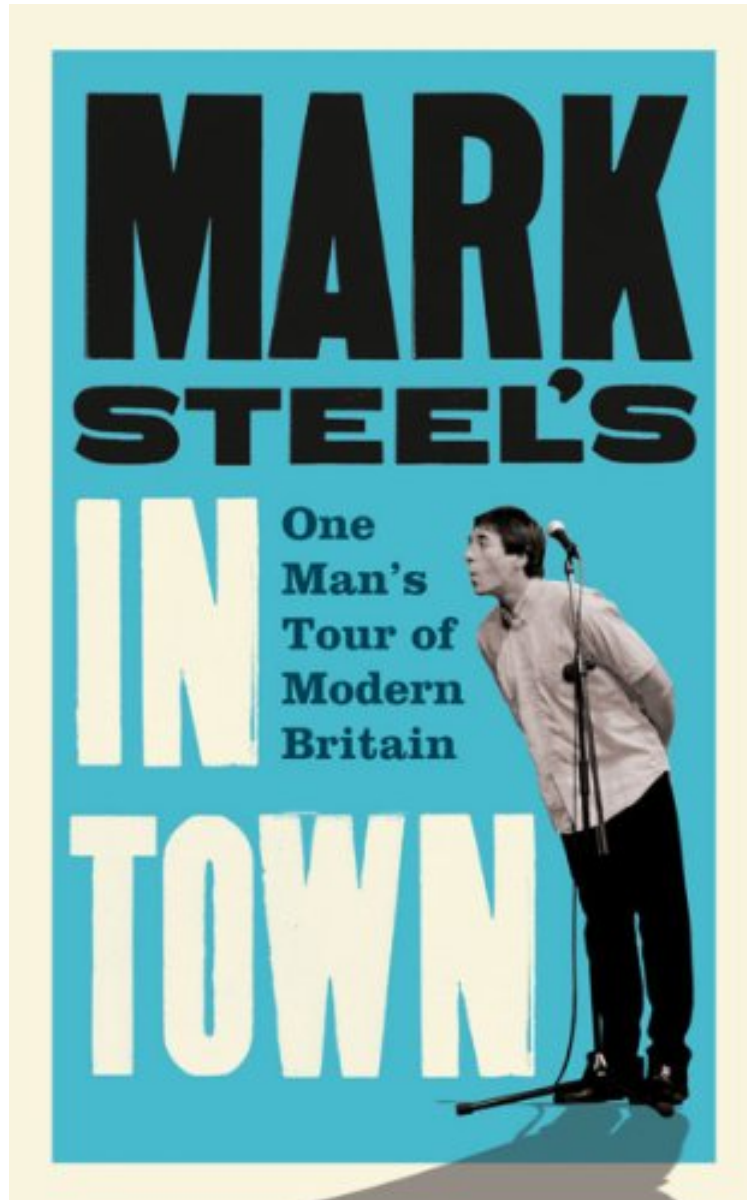


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Pressestimmen s of Mark Steel's *In Town*: 'This programme is stand-up comedy at its very best...stand-up on radio is immensely challenging - and often unsuccessful but this programme is intelligent and rich in content, well paced and, moreover, funny...although it is clear that a lot of preparation went into making this programme, the result is fluent, natural and exciting...it was also generous to its audience and to its location - and very much in tune with the sound and appeal of the network.' *The Sony Radio Academy Awards* 'A tough gig...more like shooting fish in a barrel, to judge from the reception he received from the honest burghers of Skipton, North Yorkshire...from the moment he remarked on the fact that the hall in which he was performing was used as a cattle market during the day and was hosed out before the show - and got a roar of approving laughter - Steel must have known that he could do no wrong.' *Times* (review of Skipton show) 'Going to a place and insulting it takes guts and careful strategies...Steel made use of the fact that he is from nearby Swanley both to signal that he knows the area but also that - whatever he was about to say about Dartford - it was better than his hometown.' *Guardian* 'A simple idea, kindly and wittily executed by another unfashionably humane Englishman...thank Gaia they still exist.' *Observer*

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