

Pensioner's Memoir Proves Growing Old Doesn't Mean Growing Boring

NEW MILLS, UNITED KINGDOM, February 13, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Terry Ravenscroft's *Stairlift to Heaven* is the journal of an old age pensioner with an irreverent and hilarious look at a man's life after retirement.

The British author's memoir, [published](#) in 2012, offers many valuable lessons about coping with advancing age and authentic life experiences, from bladder examinations to sleep deprivation, to increasing forgetfulness, and to humorous accounts of dealing with junk mail and problems with neighbours.

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The memoir opens, first of 4 volumes, with Ravenscroft's pledge to keep a journal of the first five years of his life as an old-age pensioner. The dramatic personae are the author, his wife, Delma, whom he refers to as "The Trouble," and his friend and kindred spirit, Atkins, from down the road.

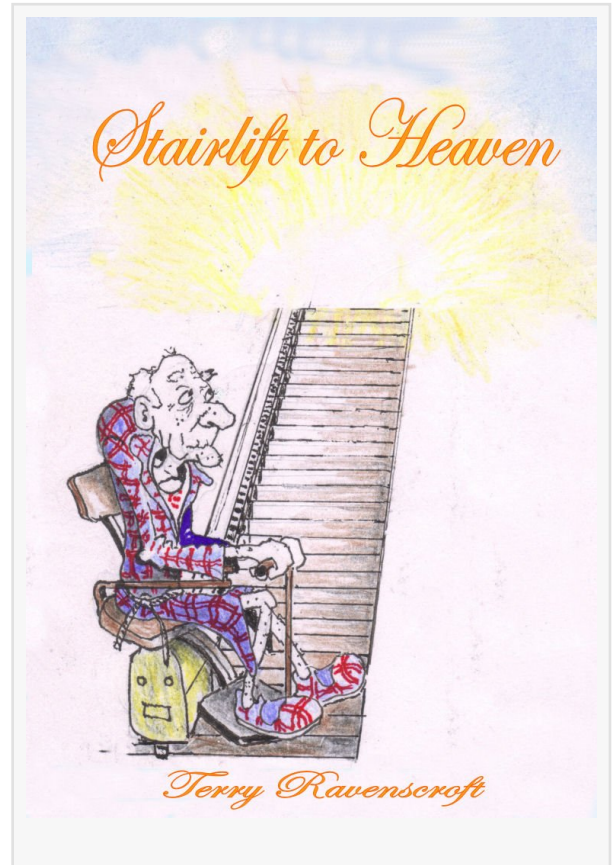
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Stairlift to Heaven draws on all the skills Ravenscroft has picked up over decades of writing comedy, first as a television scriptwriter, latterly as a novelist.

The memoir, based on true stories, adopts a casual, conversational tone that draws readers in.

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The book was published in 2012, and it's remained available ever since because more people are viewing retirement in a different light or simply refusing to accept the old model of stopping work at 68 and quietly fading away. Ravenscroft's take on retirement seeks to help them. The



book doesn't offer comfort or wisdom about ageing gracefully; instead, it presents ageing as something to be endured with humour.

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Terry Ravenscroft was born in New Mills, Derbyshire, England, in 1938. He's written some of Britain's most beloved comedy legends, including Les Dawson, The Two Ronnies, Morecambe and Wise, Alas Smith and Jones, Not the Nine O'Clock News, Ken Dodd, and Roy Hudd, among others. He also penned the award-winning BBC radio series Star Trek Two.

He has also written humorous books, with 21 published titles to his credit. Three of his books, Stairlift to Heaven, Dear Coca-Cola, and Dear Air 2000, ranked among the top ten of the Kindle Best Sellers list.

His background gives him an edge in observational comedy, as he has an eye for detail that works just as well when he's writing about himself.

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