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### Cover blurb:

'That's not female liberation; we're not really doing as we please but as the CEOs and marketing men of mega-corporations please; women are being boxed into yet another stereotype that pleases or teases men in exchange for our advancement. It's prostitution on a global scale. It is as if the feminism that you and I know never happened.'

When the biophysicist Dr Brogan Miller and her partner, the women's historian Dr Honor Smith, stumble upon a cosmic phenomenon that enables them to film the everyday lives of women from the past, they believe it will bring about a revolution in the way that women's history is taught and studied.

On the release of the Hystery app, their initial euphoria is not dampened as astonishing uploads from all over the world pour in showing women from all centuries at home, at work and at play. But, as the uploads take a more sinister turn, they realise that, in their excitement, they overlooked society's appetite for new technology that bends each innovation to satisfy its basest cravings. It is only when tragedy strikes the couple and the extraordinary Erin James enters Brogan's life that she finds the courage to put right what she has let loose on the world.

In the second of V T Davy's 'state of the lesbian nation' novels, he blends science fiction, lesbian romance and women's history to ask whether the rights that women espouse today are those that were fought for by the pioneers of feminism or whether they have become distorted beyond recognition.

### Author blurb:

Born in London, Vic Tanner Davy now lives in the Channel Islands. When not working in an office crunching numbers, Vic is a writer of LGBT fiction.

Vic's first novel, Black Art, featured Arty Shaw, the world's first female-to-male transgender detective. It was named one of Kirkus Reviews' top 100 books of 2012. Vic's second novel,

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A Very Civil Wedding, was a finalist in the 2014 Next Generation Indie Book Awards (Fiction: GLBT).

Vic has an MBA from the University of Durham and is a member of the Institute of Fundraising.

## **Press release:**

Channel Islands imprint, Liberation Publishing, is publishing its third novel, *The Hystery App* by Vic Tanner Davy, on 23 February 2015. It tells the story of what happens when the biophysicist Dr Brogan Miller and her partner, the women's historian Dr Honor Smith, stumble upon a cosmic phenomenon that enables them to film the everyday lives of women from the past. They believe it will bring about a revolution in the way that women's history is taught and studied, but things don't go as smoothly as they anticipate.

A blend of science fiction, lesbian romance and women's history, the novel tackles the question of whether the rights that women espouse today are those that were fought for by the pioneers of feminism or whether they have become distorted beyond recognition. Vic Tanner Davy explains: "I came to write the novel because I am intrigued by the current position of women in our society. Despite the progress that women have made on feminist issues such as education, birth control, equal pay, abortion, rape, etc, the double-standards that women have fought against for centuries still exist. Take, for example, educated, intelligent women at the top in their field who, when they speak out on an issue, are trolled viciously over their appearance – and not just by men. Conversely, the pseudo-intellectual sound bites of 'girl power' uttered by someone dressed sexually explicitly with the sole purpose of titillating teenage boys are celebrated."

The novel is a relatively light read with lots of humour and observations on family life. At its heart is the *Hystery app* of the title, a piece of technology that could happen, in theory, allowing a user to time travel via their tablet or smart phone. V T Davy says, "The science fiction element allows me to look back at women's history and also to examine how we use technology today to empower but also to hold back women. It's an invention that I would love to exist as I think it would be fascinating, but I would be worried as to how it might be used if it really was out there."

*The Hystery App* is available from 23 February 2015 on Amazon, in digital and paperback, and from all good book stores.

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