

The plot thickens...

Pity the legal department at HarperCollins, publisher of Nadine Dorries's upcoming book *The Plot: The Political Assassination of Boris Johnson*.

The original publication date of 28 September has now been pushed back to 9 November to allow for "the huge volume of material the author has consulted, the number of high-level sources spoken to, and the required legal process needed to share her story." Translation: Dorries 40 and we really, really don't want to be sued.



Still, at least 'Bad Nad' has at last found time to quit as an MP – more than 400 days after she last spoke in parliament and more than 80 days since she "resigned with immediate effect" in the expectation of getting a peerage in Johnson's whiffy honours list. She leaves *still* not having declared the income from her *Daily Mail* column or her allegedly impartial TalkTV show, for which she previously said she hadn't got round to invoicing. She did at least declare the book, on which she claims to have spent 100 hours in April and May this year, in return for an initial advance of £20,500.

On the evidence of her epic resignation note, *The Plot's* prose style promises to have the air of something shouted through a letterbox at 2am. It attacked the prime minister's "gleaming smile in your Prada shoes and Savile Row suit", warned darkly about "the forces ranged against me" and concluded: "History will not judge you kindly." To HarperCollins lawyers, we can only say: Best of luck.

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