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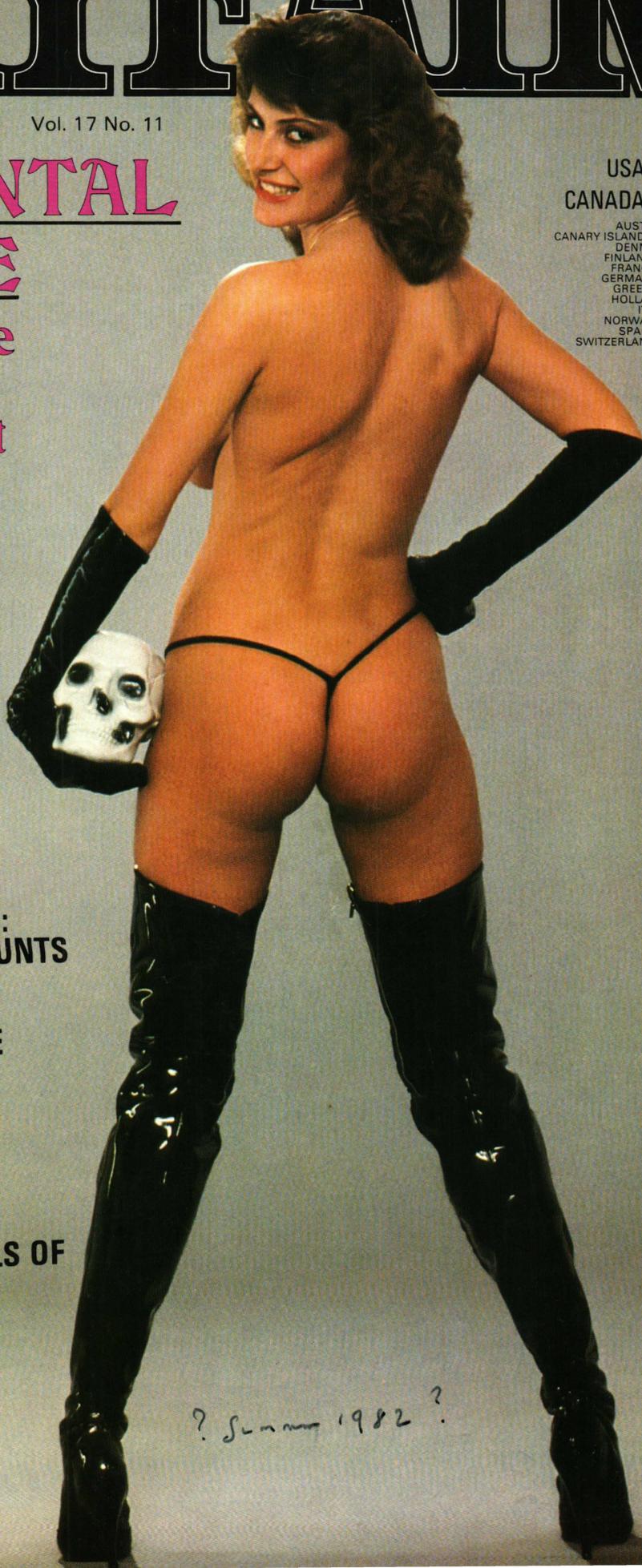
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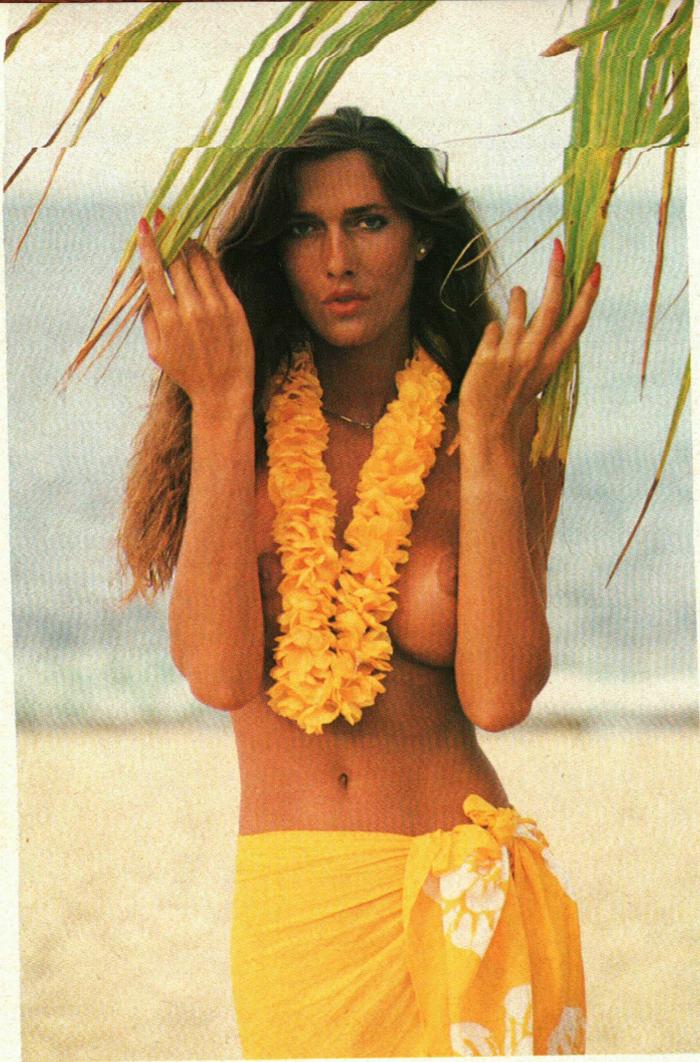


TULA, THE AMAZING JAMES BOND STARLET WHO WAS BORN A BOY

PHOTOGRAPHED BY
MARIO MARNOTO



Standing six feet tall with a statuesque 36-24-36 figure, Tula is one of the most beautiful and successful models in the world. She has appeared in a James Bond film with Roger Moore (that's her on the extreme left of the photograph), been on numerous TV shows and featured as *The Sun's* 'page three' girl. But, incredible as it might seem when looking at these photographs of her, Tula was born a boy. And when it was revealed in the newspapers that she had undergone a sex-change operation, she thought her whole world was shattered. 'It was as if someone had stuck a knife in me. I thought I would kill myself.' Thinking that her career was over, Tula decided to write an autobiography *I am a Woman* to put paid to the gossip and rumour. 'There are no secrets any more, and at least I no longer have anything to hide. But it was hard to have to turn round and say I used to be a boy.' But her honesty and courage paid off, and she has found that the revelations have not affected her successful career. 'I always feared the worst, but I was surprised at the reaction. A lot of



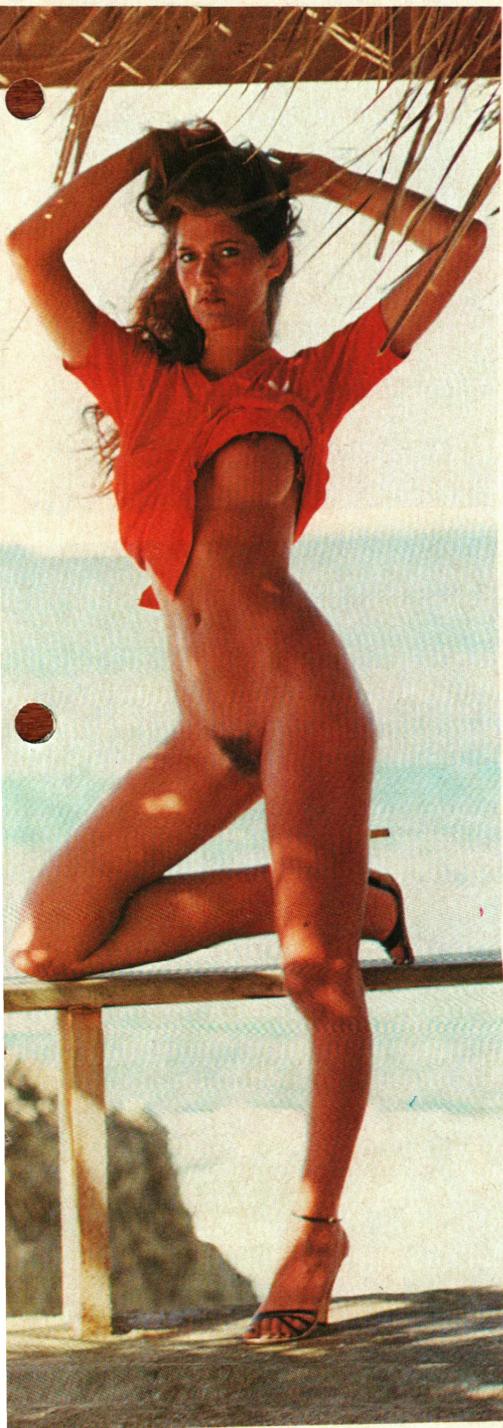
people have said they admire me, and I feel more relaxed now it's out in the open.' Tula, 27, grew up as a boy in a small village in Norfolk but had an unhappy childhood because she felt different. 'I knew my feelings weren't correct, and that they were the same as a girl.' In her teens Tula was gay, but did not find the scene satisfying. Then she found out that an operation was possible. 'It was like a jigsaw puzzle fitting together, and I just had one thing on my mind, to get the money for the operation. It has made me complete and happy, with a perfectly normal sex life. It's just a shame that I wasn't born that way.'

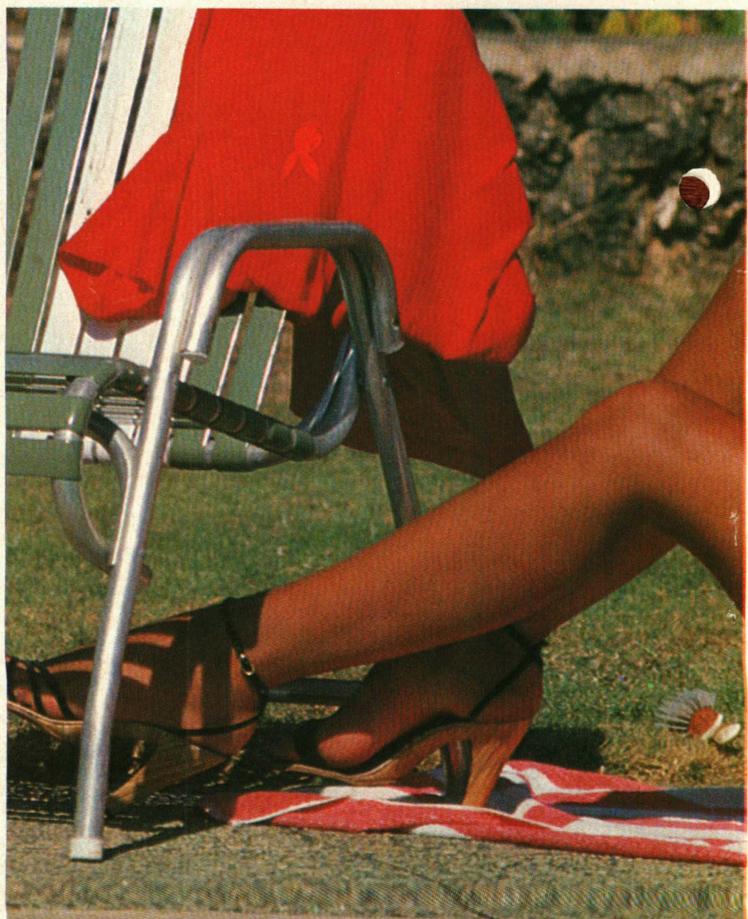
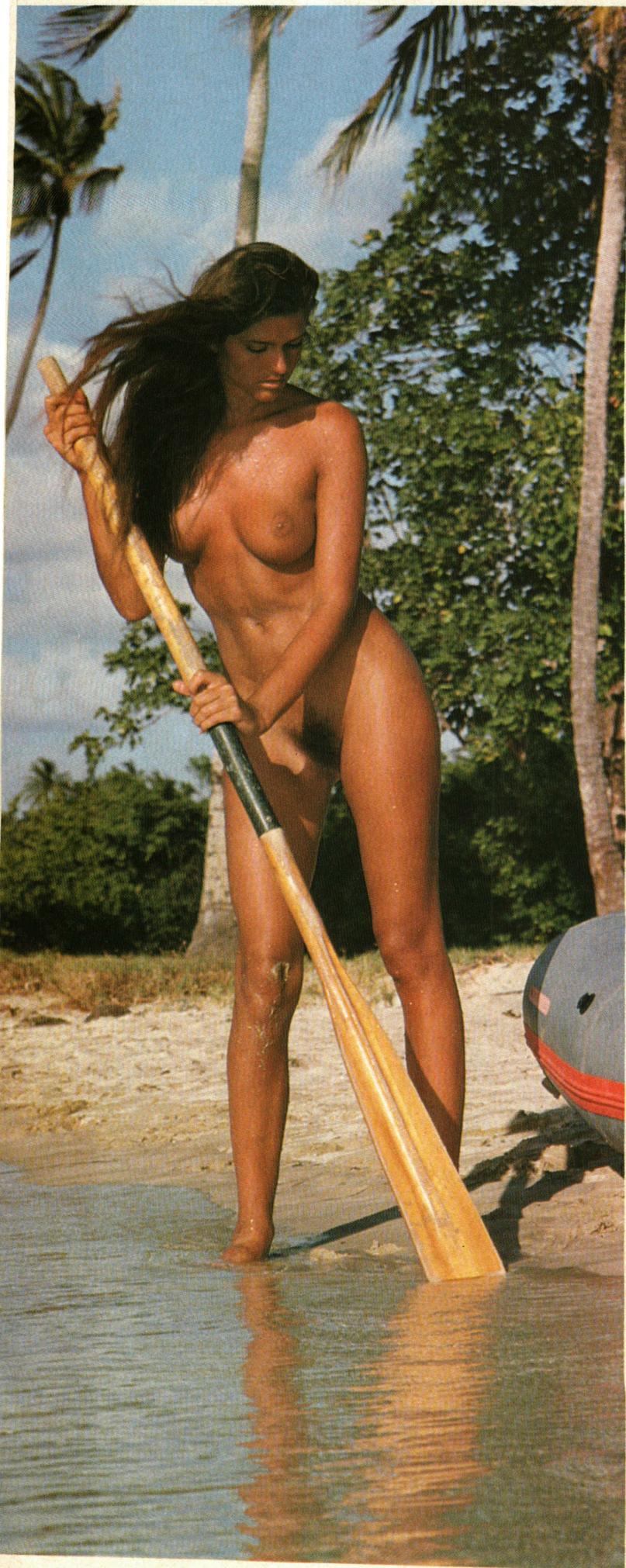
Tula was 20 when she had the operation. She came into modelling by chance when she was working as a beautician and was offered a job by a choreographer. From that beginning she worked her way up to the top of the modelling world and her appearance in *For Your Eyes Only*. 'I was like a glorified extra, really, but it was great fun and Roger Moore is a very nice guy. I'd like to be in more films, but I'm not really an actress.' Tula has also appeared on the small screen in such programmes as *The Two Ronnies*, *Robin's Nest*, *The Upchat Line* and with comedian Ted Rogers on *3-2-1*. She has also been in *Mayfair* on many previous occasions in a Smirnoff Vodka ad, where she appears to be waterskiing behind the Loch Ness monster. 'When they took the photograph I was standing in the studio on a box in front of a fan.' Pam, Tula's younger sister, is also a model and they once appeared on page three of *The Sun* together. Pam models under the name Cossie, but the girls don't compete for work because she works more in the world of high fashion. Tula's modelling career has taken her all round the world, but the life isn't always glamorous as she found out on her way to Hawaii for this photo-session with Mario Marnoto. 'There was an industrial dispute so I missed Mario in Amsterdam and had to fly out there via New York, Toronto, Vancouver and finally to Honolulu. Unfortunately my luggage didn't arrive

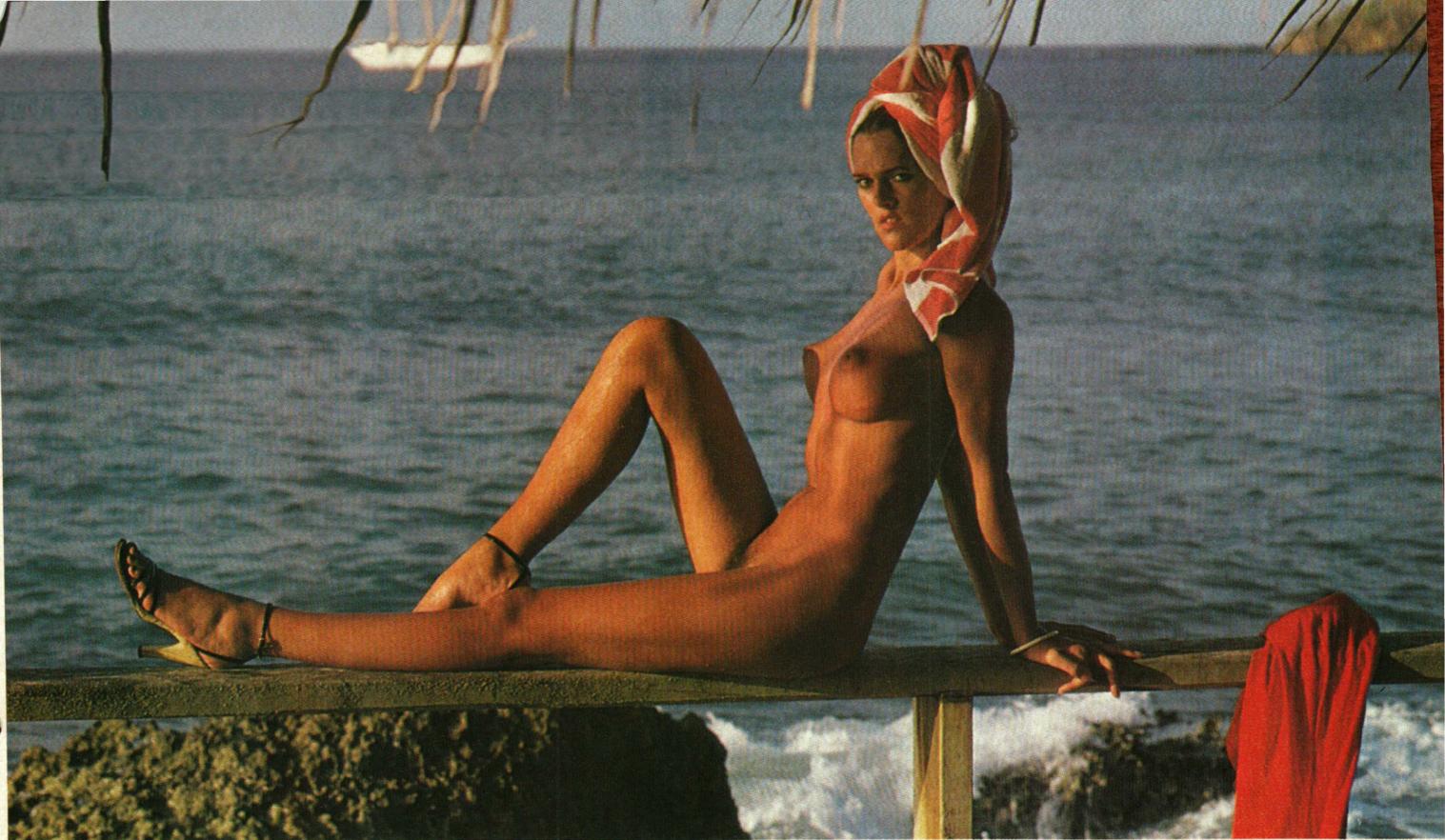




and the only clothes I had were what I stood up in. So I had to buy all my gear out there.' On another occasion Tula had to pose in a cage full of lions and swinging on a trapeze. To keep in shape for modelling Tula has a 15 minute workout every day, practises yoga and goes to a gym once a week. She also swims and cycles regularly around West London where she lives. She doesn't have much free time, but enjoys getting together with her friends and going dancing occasionally at discos like *Barbarellas*. She hopes to carry on her modelling career until she is 30 and then open a model agency or a boutique for outsize girls. 'Being six feet tall and taking a size eight shoe I know what problems big girls have with clothes.' We asked if it is a problem finding boyfriends taller







than herself? 'Most of my boyfriends are the same height as me, but occasionally at a disco a short guy will ask me to dance. They must be a glutton for punishment,' she told us. For anyone wanting to read more about Tula's fascinating life and struggles to become a woman, her autobiography, *I am a Woman* is published by Sphere/Rainbird at £2.95.

