

## Pussy



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## Howard Jacobson Jonathan Cape £12.99

Man Booker winner Jacobson wrote this Swiftian fairy tale in two months in what he has called ‘a fury of disbelief’, after Donald Trump’s election. It traces the early years of Prince Fracassus, heir to a real estate empire, whose formative years are spent watching television and

peeking up skirts. As his father pushes him toward politics, he toe-wrestles with a Putin type, stars on reality TV, and learns the value of knowing few words when exploiting Twitter. The satire is somewhat scattershot, but Jacobson is also often on target and deliciously laugh-aloud nasty about not just the making of this rough beast but what in the American character enabled it to go slouching into the White House.