

*I love Jason Statham. When I first thought of the possibilities of this edited collection, I didn't realise quite what a journey it would take me on. I spoke to Jason Statham's agent, discussed the book with a major Hollywood director, and saw numerous people who looked bemused at the project, but then smiled and thought it was a great idea. The first group of dedications go to my friends, Phil, Griff and particularly Nick, who watched every Statham movie with me provided I supplied him with pasties, chips and cheap, fizzy lagers. Then there are my mum and dad, who during the editing of this book were badly injured in a road traffic accident. That they survived was a miracle. And, that they are so strong and resilient in both character and fortitude remains stunning to me. I love them both. Finally, there is one man that this book needs to be dedicated to, if only for his one-liners like 'Chicken and broccoli', 'Bonjour, douchebag', 'What are you? A pair of Sausage Nigels?' and 'Juice me!' – Jason Statham. Thanks for being brilliant.*

*Steve Gerrard*

*I would like to dedicate this collection to my very good friend of many years, my co-editor Steve Gerrard. Without his belief, dedication and sheer hard work it would never have happened.*

*Robert Shail*