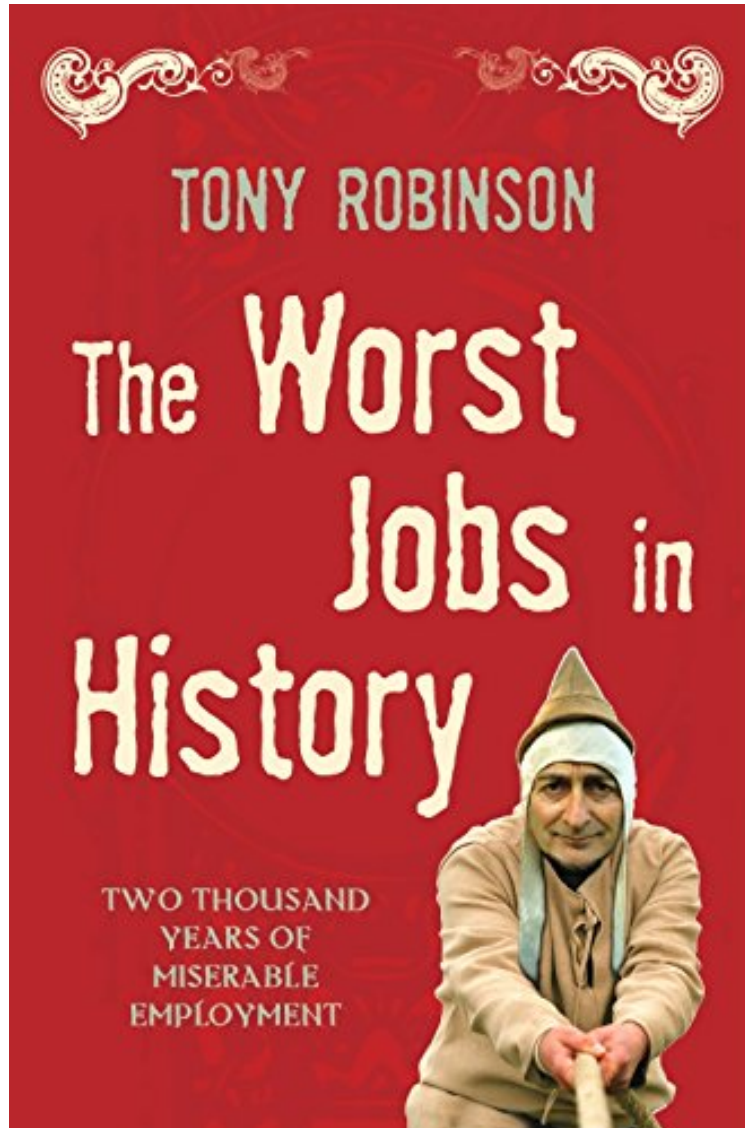


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About the Author Tony Robinson is of national renown, not just for his television roles in *Blackadder* and *Time Team*, but as a trusted historical expert in his own right.