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Iain Dale presents the Drivetime show on LBC Radio (weekdays 4-7pm). He was named Radio Presenter of the Year for 2013 at the Arqiva Awards, and was shortlisted for Speech programme of the year at the 2013 Sony Radio Awards. He also co-presented LBC's seven hour long general election night programme with Shelagh Fogarty.

He is also managing director of Britain's leading political publisher, Biteback Publishing. He formed the company in 2009 and since then has published more than 400 books including *Power Trip* by Damian McBride and the recent bestseller, *Call me Dave: The Unauthorised Biography of David Cameron* by Michael Ashcroft and Isabel Oakeshott.

Iain is one of Britain's leading political commentators and bloggers. He is contributing editor for GQ Magazine, writes for various national newspapers and for seven years penned a weekly diary for the Eastern Daily Press. He has a monthly column in the gay lifestyle magazine, Attitude and presents Radio 4's *What the Papers Say*.

He founded Total Politics magazine (sold to Dod's in December 2012) and was the brains behind Politico's Bookstore. He was a presenter of Radio 5 Live's Sunday Service programme alongside Fi Glover and Charlie Whelan from 2000 to 2004. He has also appeared on Radio 4's *Any Questions*.

Iain is a former parliamentary researcher and chief of staff to David Davis MP. He was a political lobbyist, financial journalist and is the creator and host of the theatre production *A Night With Ann Widdecombe*, which toured provincial theatres all around the country. He stood for Parliament at the 2005 general election in North Norfolk, but has now given up active politics.

Iain has written or edited more than twenty books including *The NHS: Things That Need to be Said*, *Memories of Margaret Thatcher*, *the Little Book of Boris*, *500 of the Most Acerbic, Witty & Erudite Things Ever Said About Politics*, *West Ham: When Football Was Football* & *Norwich City: When Football Was Football*.

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