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WHO WILL BUY THIS BOOK?	Thoughtful adults

Mothers, fathers, sisters, sons: everybody comes from family, nuclear or not. In this collection of sixty-something pieces – poems, near-poems, a mini-play called *Zimmer* and almost-total-ellipses – Nicholas Swingler delivers a verdict on more than his ‘accidental life’.

“This is a poignant and gripping account of family experience. Nicholas Swingler’s choice of forms to suit the matter is impeccable. His eye for accurate and touching detail is unerring.”

Alan Brownjohn

“Idiosyncratic, intriguing, clinical...it’s fascinating to read the word/thought play on offer.”

Derek Jacobi

“Swingler’s voice is instantly recognizable...these poems are as fresh and as mordant as ever.”

Edward Petherbridge

“The poems are good enough I think – but I wouldn’t really know – it’s not my thing.”

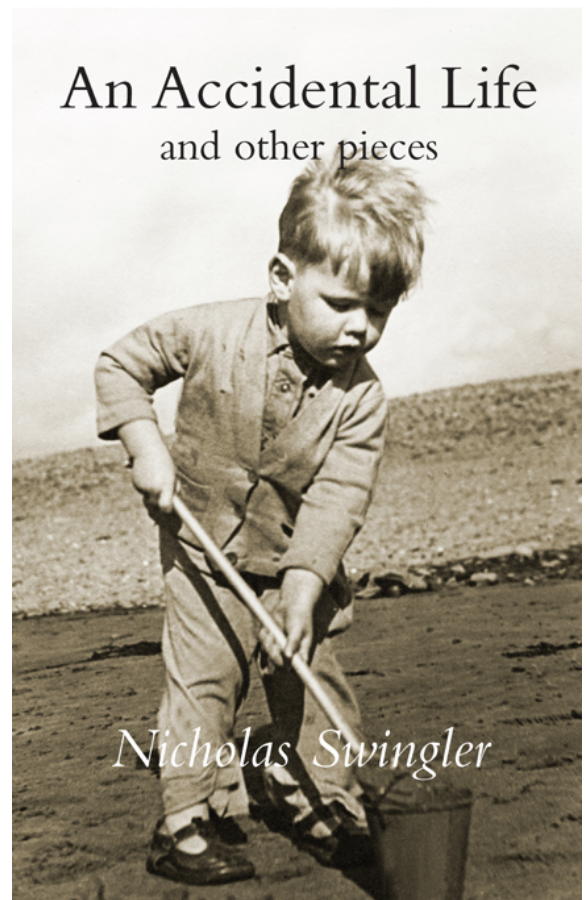
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

This is Nicholas Swingler’s second one-man book. His first, *Dream of the Condom and other poems*, excited Gary Kurtz, producer of *Star Wars*, to write “wonderfully discerning poetry”.

Nicholas Swingler was poet-in-residence with the Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery, London, where he claims to have somewhat revived the lost art of epitaph-writing.

He lives now in Hereford, still wielding an umbrella for shade against immoderate sun.



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