In 1820, twenty-five impoverished craftsmen assembled in an obscure stable in Cato Street, London, with a plan to massacre the whole British cabinet at its monthly dinner. By attending to the ‘real lives’ and habitats of the men, women, and children involved, Gatrell throws fresh light on the troubled and tragic world of Regency Britain, and on one of the most compelling and poignant episodes in British history.

“Erudite, engaging and brilliantly wide-ranging, Vic Gatrell’s Conspiracy on Cato Street is peppered with revealing detail and is compulsively readable. This is historical scholarship at its very finest.”

Emma Griffin, author of Bread Winner: An Intimate History of the Victorian Economy.