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## OBAMA FAVOURITE AT BOOK FESTIVAL

A favourite author of US President, Barak Obama, will be appearing in Edinburgh this week. Richard Price will be at the Edinburgh International Book Festival on Friday speaking about his book, *Lush Life*, which President Obama has chosen as one of the five books he will be reading on his Martha's Vineyard vacation this week.

Price's book *Clockers*, about the culture of drug dealers, was an important influence on David Simon, (also at the Book Festival this weekend), creator of cult TV series, *The Wire* on which Price is a writer. His screenplays include *The Colour of Money* (for which he was Oscar nominated) *Ransom* and *Shaft* and he also wrote the 15 minute film surrounding Michael Jackson's *Bad* video, which was directed by Martin Scorsese.

Price will be at the Book Festival to talk about his most recent novel, *Lush Life*, which explores the cracks and shady underground networks beneath the glamorous façade of New York City's Lower East Side. **Tickets are still available** to hear this hugely influential author and screenwriter at 8.00pm on Friday 28 August and can be booked through [www.edbookfest.co.uk](http://www.edbookfest.co.uk) or 0845 373 5888 or in person at the Box Office in Charlotte Square Gardens.

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