

Coming Soon Edward Docx

After he won the 2007 Geoffrey Faber Prize for his last book, big things are hoped for from Edward Docx's forthcoming third novel, *The Devil's Garden*. The acclaimed British novelist, who was also longlisted for the Man Booker Prize, has set his latest work on a scientific outpost in the depths of the Amazon jungle. On the first of two visits to the region, in a place



Maldonado, the former journalist met a woman who told him a story about a scientist who disappeared in terrifying circumstances, giving him the inspiration for his morally ambivalent tale. 'I was drawn to the Amazon because I wanted to write something that was very exciting to read,' says Docx. While the result is a thrilling yarn, he says, in the manner of a contemporary *Heart Of Darkness*, the true subject of his novel is human nature itself. 'Most of all, it is about what lies hidden in the human heart,' he adds.

The Devil's Garden
(Picador) is out on April 4,
priced £12.99.