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Campaign group says site is platforming farright activist by stocking book, which reached No 1 this week

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Amazon has been accused of funnelling "thousands of pounds into the pockets of Britain's best known far-right extremist" after Tommy Robinson's latest book topped its bestseller charts.

The book, listed on <u>Amazon</u> as "Manifesto — Tommy Robinson's NEW Book", reached No 1 on the site's bestseller charts on Tuesday before selling out. It outperformed Boris Johnson's memoir and new releases by Richard Osman and Sally Rooney.

Joe Mulhall, the director of research at the campaign group Hope Not Hate, said: "Everyone has the right to write and publish a book as long as the content doesn't break the law. The question is whether Amazon feel comfortable platforming him, and facilitating the sale of a book that will funnel thousands of pounds into the pockets of Britain's best known far-right extremist. Freedom of speech is not freedom of reach."

Amazon and Robinson have been approached for comment.

Amazon has previously said: "As a store, we've chosen to offer a very broad range of viewpoints, including products that may be disagreeable, and we have guidance for our customers and selling partners about the items allowed for sale in our store.

Tommy's <u>reply on X</u>

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