

Helen Black

Current

TIME S2 – co-writing two 60’ episodes for the second series for BBC.

GRANTCHESTER – writing episode of 8th series for Kudos/ITV.

STORM WARNING – 60’ original script optioned to Bandit Cornwall Ltd.

AT RISK – delivered an original pilot script commissioned by Bandit Cornwall Ltd/BBC.

THE FARM – written pilot script as part of the Rollem New Talent Initiative/BBC.

PORT FEOCK/HIDE & SEEK– two original series treatments for Bandit Cornwall.

STEEL CITY - pitch commissioned by Cosmopolitan Pictures.

LAWFUL and PAYBACK – original series treatments commissioned by Gaumont UK.

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2022

LIFE AND DEATH IN THE WAREHOUSE - wrote 60’ single film for BBC Studios/Aysha Rafaele. – **Nominated for Welsh BAFTA for Television Drama 2022**

2021

CARELESS - original pitch written with Danny McNamara optioned to Left Bank Pictures.

PIXIE – written original pilot script for Snowed-In/Jenny van der Lande.

LIBERTY – written first episode of drama series inspired by own book series TAKING LIBERTIES. Commissioned by Snowed-In Productions.

RUBY SCOTT AND THE SISTERS OF SWING - storyline editing for Rollem Productions series.

101 DAYS - first draft polish on script for Snowed-In Productions.

FLORA - pilot outline commissioned by Originate Media.

2020

GIMME SHELTER – co-written, with Courttia Newland, first episode of three parter, commissioned by Endor/BBC.

DEATH IN PARADISE V – wrote an episode of the BBC1 series. Red Planet Pictures. TX January 2021.

HARD AS NAILS – latest Liberty Chapman novel published in December 2020.

DEAD BEAT – original series treatment in development with Kudos North.

2019

PLAYING DIRTY – third novel in Liberty Chapman series published November 2019.

BEACH BOY – a series treatment commissioned by BBC Studios/Aysha Rafaele. Co-written with Courttia Newland.

THE DEFENDER - treatment commissioned by BBC Studios/Aysha Rafaele.

GUILT – original series treatment commissioned by Endor.

CRIME TIME – original short form series idea optioned to BBC Studios Wales.

NO COMMENT – original series treatment optioned to Kudos North.

2018

GALAXY – wrote first episode of original drama series on spec. Winner of a Kudos North Writers Award.

CLINK – wrote episode of prison set series for LA Productions/Channel 5.

BANG TO RIGHTS – second book in Liberty Chapman series published.

2017 - TAKING LIBERTIES, the first book in a new fiction series about **LIBERTY CHAPMAN** who leaves care and reinvents herself to become a well to do corporate lawyer, only to discover that her estranged family are involved in organised crime. Published in August 2017.

2015 - MA in creative writing at Goldsmiths – graduated with a Distinction - and shortlisted for the Pat Kavanagh Prize.

2012 - TWENTY TWELVE - stand-alone thriller published.

2005 – 2015 - DAMAGED GOODS, first novel published 2005.

LILLY VALENTINE, a ballsy lawyer, defends a teenager in care accused of murdering her mother. **A PLACE OF SAFETY, DISHONOUR, BLOOD RUSH, DARK SPACES, FRIENDLESS LANE** - A further five **LILLY VALENTINE** books published.

1991-2005 – Helen worked as a criminal lawyer, predominantly representing children in the care system.

1989 – graduated in Law from Hull University.

Helen grew up in Pontefract West Yorkshire.