

Jan Needle

Jan recently adapted **THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME** for the younger reader for Walker Books. He has completed similar adaptations of **MOBY DICK** (illustrated by Patrick Benson) and **DRACULA**. **WAGSTAFFE THE WIND UP BOY** has a successful run at the Mercury Theatre, Colchester in May 2009 and Jan has just completed work on a detective novel. His 1981 retelling of *The Wind in the Willows*, **WILD WOOD** has been republished in a new edition by Golden Duck.

BOOKS

For Young Adults

Albeson and the Germans, 1977, Deutsch
My Mate Shofiq, 1978, Deutsch
A Fine Boy for Killing, 1979, Deutsch
A Sense of Shame and Other Stories, 1980, Deutsch
Piggy in the Middle, 1982, Deutsch
The Wicked Trade, 1983, Burnett Books
Going Out, 1983, Deutsch
A Pitiful Place and Other Stories, 1984, Deutsch
Tucker's Luck, Deutsch, 1984
Tucker in Control, Deutsch, 1985
The Thief, 1989, Hamish Hamilton
The Bully, 1993, Hamish Hamilton

Plays

A Game of Soldiers, written with Vivien Gardner and Stephen Cockett, 1985, Collins
The Rebels of Gast Street, 1986, Collins
The Thief, with Vivien Gardner and Stephen Cockett, 1990, Collins

For Children

Rottenteeth, 1979, Deutsch, illus Roy Bentley
The Bee Rustlers, 1980, Collins, illus Paul Wright
The Size Spies, 1980, Deutsch, illus Roy Bentley
Losers Weepers, 1981, Methuen, illus Jane Bottomley
Another Fine Mess, 1982, illus Roy Bentley
Behind the Bike Sheds, 1985, Methuen
A Game of Soldiers, 1985, Deutsch
Great Days at Grange Hill, 1985, Deutsch
Skeleton at School, 1987, Heinemann, illus Robert Bartelt
Uncle in the Attic, 1987, Heinemann, illus Robert Bartelt
Wagstaffe the Wind-Up Boy, 1987, Deutsch, illus Roy Bentley
In the Doghouse, 1988, Heinemann, illus Robert Bartelt
The Sleeping Party, 1990, Heinemann, illus Robert Bartelt
Mad Scramble, 1990, Heinemann, illus Kate Aldous
As Seen on TV, 1990, Heinemann, illus Kate Aldous
The War of the Worms, 1992, Hamish Hamilton, illus Kay
Widdowson
Wagstaffe and the Life of Crime, 1992, Collins Lions, illus
Bentley
Bogeymen, 1992, Deutsch, illus Liz Tofts

For Adults

Wild Wood, illustrated by William Rushton, 1981, Deutsch,
New edition 2014, Golden Duck.

As Frank Kippax:

The Scar, 1990, Harper Collins
The Butcher's Bill, 1991, Harper Collins
Other People's Blood, 1992, Harper Collins
Fear of Night and Darkness, 1993, Harper Collins
A Fine Boy for Killing, 1996, Harper Collins
The Wicked Trade, 1998, Harper Collins
Spithead Nymph, third of seafaring trilogy

Criticism

Brecht - with Peter Thomson, 1981 Blackwell, 1981
University of Chicago Press

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TV credits

BEHIND THE BIKESHEDS - lead writer on Yorkshire's second series - nine episodes

BROOKSIDE (regular writer in mid 80's)

A GAME OF SOLDIERS, a three-part play for Thames TV/networked Schools Television, was nominated for a BAFTA award in 1983

TRUCKERS - Jan's eight-part series for BBC TV, was transmitted on BBC in 1987, all on film, starring James Hazeldine, the ratings for the series were over 7m - only falling to 5.2m against RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK

SOFT SOAP - wrote a half hour comedy commissioned by the BBC directed by Mike Bradwell. TX : 1988

THE THIEF- a 60' play for Thames TV- tx 1988

BOGEYMAN- Dramarama commissioned and produced by TVS

COUNT DUCKULA - two episodes for Cosgrove Hall

DENNIS THE MENACE treatment of episode for Tony Collingwood Productions

THE BILL entitled **Compassion, TX: 1992.**

SOOTY and **THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE** - episodes for Gullane

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