



John Hickman

CATEGORIES: Children's / YA / Film / TV

AGENT: Georgina Ruffhead

John is a screenwriter based in North Shields. He's written for a number of TV series including *EastEnders*, *Doctors*, *The Dumping Ground* and the upcoming *Silverwood*, and he's currently developing several film and TV projects, including work with Clerkenwell Films and the BFI. He has been selected for several high profile mentoring schemes including programmes with Guiding Lights and BAFTA, as well as the BBC Writersroom Comedy Room. His TV script, *The Things*, was a winner of the BAFTA Roccliffe writing competition. He collaborates with a group of North East-based filmmakers, with whom he has written and directed several shorts, which have played and won numerous awards at worldwide film festivals. Formerly a social worker, John has an MA in Creative Writing as well as a PhD, with a focus on the onscreen fictional depiction of looked-after children.

2020

The Thirst – feature collaboration agreement with Meloni Poole

Little Snake – BFI / Shudder Films – TV bible and pilot episode commissioned

Lost Ones – BFI / Shudder Films – feature treatment commissioned

Hood – Lime Pictures – original series treatment optioned

The Dumping Ground Series 9 – CBBC – script commissioned

Doctors – BBC Studios – script commissioned

2019

One Big Mad Family – Lime Pictures – original series treatment optioned

The Wild – Clerkenwell Films – series treatment and 6 x scripts commissioned

Silverwood – Zodiak Kids / CBBC – 2 x scripts commissioned

The Dumping Ground Series 8 – CBBC – 2 x scripts commissioned

Monkey's Blood – Eastlake Productions – one act play (co-writer/director)

Doctors – BBC Studios – script commissioned

2018

Beyond Sunlight – Shudder Films – feature screenplay commissioned

Doctors – BBC Studios – 2 scripts commissioned

EastEnders – BBC Studios – 2 scripts commissioned

The Dumping Ground Series 7 – CBBC – 2 scripts commissioned

2017

The Dumping Ground – CBBC – script commissioned

The Dumping Ground – CBBC – compilation script commissioned

Doctors – BBC Studios – 2 scripts commissioned

Collection Only – Constant Productions – short film (co-writer / co-director)

Awards: Winchester Film Festival (special mention)

Tone Death – Green Boy Films – independent feature film (co-writer / co-director)

Awards: Triple Six Horror Festival (best feature film)

Deadline Day – Theatre N16 / Eastlake Productions One act play co-written with Stephen Robertson

Akita – Green Boys – short film (co-writer/co-director)

Screenings: London Short Film Festival / Exit 6 Film Festival

Awards: Indie-Lincs Film Festival (Best UK short) / Reading Fringe Film Festival (Best Actor) / Malatesta Short Film Festival, Italy (Best fiction short) / Exposure Film Festival (Best UK short)

Competitions/schemes:

BBC Writersroom Comedy Script Room (2019)

BFI Network/BAFTA Crew mentoring programme (2019)

BBC EastEnders Scheme (2018)

Guiding Lights 9 mentoring programme (2017)

BBC Doctors Shadow Scheme (2016)

BAFTA Rocliffe Children's Writing Winner with *The Things* (2014)

BBC Writersroom Scriptroom 7 Winner with *The Things* (2014)

Competitions/schemes – shortlisted:

BBC Studios Writers Academy (2019)

BBC TV Drama Writers' Programme (2018)

Channel 4/Blacklight 4Stories (2018)

BBC Writersroom Comedy Script Room (2018)