



Trish Cooke

Film, TV, Radio, Theatre

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Trish Cooke has written seventeen books for children including *So Much*, which won the 1994 Kurt Maschler Award, the Nestle Smarties Book Prize and the 1995 She/WH Smith's Under Fives Book Prize. It was Highly Commended for the 1995 Kate Greenaway Medal and also won awards in France and South Africa.

Trish is also the author of *The Diary Of A Young West Indian Immigrant*, *Full, Full, Full Of Love*, illustrated by Paul Howard, *Catch!*, illustrated by Ken Wilson-Max, and *Hey Crazy Riddle* published by Frances Lincoln. Her most recent book is *Look Back*, illustrated by Caroline Binch.

Trish was a presenter on the BBC's children's television programme Playdays. She also appeared on You And Me and hosted the radio programme 12345. She has acted in and written plays for theatre, radio and television, both for children and adults. Her children's television scriptwriting credits include *The Tweenies* and *Mags And Mo* and she has participated in the BBC Children's Drama New Writing Initiative.

Trish lives in Bingley, West Yorkshire.

THEATRE

2013 -14
DICK WHITTINGTON

Commissioned by Theatre Royal Stratford East (book and lyrics)

2011 -2012
CINDERELLA

The hit show returned for another season at Theatre Royal Stratford East (book and lyrics)

2010
A CLEAN BREAK

Commissioned by Theatre Royal Stratford East. Co-writers Exaclisbah and Tanishja Matthews.

RED RIDING HOOD

Commissioned by Theatre Royal Stratford East (book and

	lyrics)
2009 <i>ALADDIN</i>	Commissioned by Theatre Royal Stratford East (book and lyrics)
2007 <i>CINDERELLA</i>	Commissioned by Theatre Royal Stratford East (book and lyrics) Nominated For Laurence Olivier Award (category - Outstanding Contribution in an Affiliate Theatre)
<i>ANANSI TRADES PLACES</i>	Commissioned by Talawa Theatre Company (book and lyrics)
2005 <i>PINOCCHIO</i>	Commissioned by Theatre Royal Stratford East (book and lyrics)
2003/4 <i>HIDDEN WORLDS</i>	Commissioned to write book and lyrics for a musical at the Theatre Royal Stratford East
1996 <i>RUNNING DREAM</i>	Peoples Action Theatre, Dominica (Dir. Alwin Bully)
<i>GULP FICTION</i>	Theatre Royal Stratford (Director/Writer)
1995 <i>GULP FICTION</i>	Civic Theatre, Peckham (Director/Writer)
<i>Ooops INSIDE HER HEAD</i>	Royal Court commission
<i>LOVE THEM TO DEATH</i>	West Yorkshire Playhouse
1993 <i>RUNNING DREAM</i>	Theatre Royal Stratford (Dir. Olusola Oyuleye)
1991 <i>BACK STREET MAMMY</i>	West Yorkshire Playhouse (Dir. Burt Caesar)
1989 <i>BACK STREET MAMMY</i>	Lyric Hammersmith (Dir. Paulette Randall)
<i>RUNNING DREAM</i>	Albany Empire (Dir. Deborah Rose)
<i>SHOPPIN' PEOPLE</i>	Liverpool Playhouse (Dir. Kate Rowland)

TV & RADIO

2013
EMMERDALE - Storyliner

2006 - 2007
3 STORIES FOR BBC SCHOOLS
TOGETHER PROGRAMME
WHERE AEROPLANES GO TO DIE

10 minute film (Screen Yorkshire Digital Shorts)
Shown At The Cannes Festival May 2007

2004-2005
DOCTORS (BBC TV)

THOSE OLD METAL THINGS

5 minute film (Screen Yorkshire Caught Short Focus scheme)

2003/4
FLIP FLOPS (BBC TV)

Commissioned to write several scripts for this new pre-school series in development

2002/3
UNSPOKEN

(2002 SINGLE VOICES SR 2 (Carlton) - Commissioned to write a script for this adult comedy strand

2001/2
TIME OUT

Writing Bursary for BBC Manchester - During 6-month scheme, developed a number of original drama and comedy ideas with various in-house producers

VELMA LU (BBC TV)

2000
SINGLE PLUS ONE

BBC Radio Manchester - An original 30-minute Afternoon Play for Radio 4

2000 MAGS & MO

(Peak Viewing Transatlantic Productions) - 15 x 10-minute episodes for pre-school series for international sale

1999
THOSE OLD METAL THINGS

(BBC Radio Manchester) - Original radio play produced by Pauline Harris and starring Cathy Tyson. Sunday Times Culture Section's "Pick of the Day"

1998/1999 TWEENIES

(BBC TV) - One of original writers. 10 x 19-minute episodes for the hugely successful pre-school series produced by Tell-Tale Productions for CBBC

LUV DANCIN'

(BBC Radio Manchester) - Original radio play for R4 directed by Pauline Harris

1997
GET UP STAND UP

(BBC Schools Radio) - Stories

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

THE HARRIET TUBMAN STORY

(BBC Radio 4)

1996
BROTHERS AND SISTERS (BBC TV)

MARY'S LIGHT

(BBC Radio 4)

1989-96
PLAYDAYS

1994-5
THE REAL MCCOY (BBC TV) - Sketches for BBC 1 show

1991
WE EXPECT RESPECT (BBC Radio 4)

EASTENDERS

SELECTING FOR QUALITY (BBC Open University)

YOU AND ME

A SOCIAL AFFAIR (Illustra Films)

2002 Writer in residence, BBC North

2001 Won a place of the Yorkshire First Feedback Screenwriting course with her script TIME OUT

2001 Won a place of BBC Children's Comedy Drama Course with her script VELMA LU

2000 Won a place on a course at the Northern Film School in Script Development for Short Films

1999 TAPS Writer's Showcase (Yorkshire Television) - Trish won a place on this weekend and developed a script for a 10-minute film

1999 Northern Film School - Won place on 13-week course in Script Development for Short Film

1999 BBC TV - Won place on BBC TV Popular Drama Series Workshop, run by BBC Drama's New Writing Initiative