

**Helen Black**

**Current**

**UNTITLED SOCIAL CARE PROJECT** – writing treatment for Gaumont Ltd/BBC.

**THE WIVES** – writing four episodes of original six parter for Gaumont Ltd/Channel 5 which is filming in 2024.

**TIGER BAY** – co-writing pilot script for factually based drama for Wall to Wall Media Ltd.

**UNTITLED** – writing episode two of drama series for Rollem/BBC.

**PREY** – delivered pilot script and outline for TV series commissioned by Wall to Wall Media Ltd.

**THE MITFORD MURDERS** – wrote script and outline for Endor Productions Ltd.

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**2023**

**TIME S2** – co-wrote three-parter with Jimmy McGovern for BBC Studios. TX October 2023.

**JOAN** – wrote script and outline of 60' episode for Snowed-In Productions Ltd/ITV.

**GRANTCHESTER** – wrote episode 3 of 8<sup>th</sup> series for Kudos/ITV.

**VERDICT** – wrote treatment for Leopard Pictures Ltd.

**RECOIL** – co-wrote pitch document with David Proud for West Road Pictures.

**SAVIOUR** – delivered treatment to Gaumont UK.

## **2022**

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

**LIFE AND DEATH IN THE WAREHOUSE** - wrote award-winning 60' single film for BBC Studios/Aysha Rafaele. TX March 2022.

**LAWFUL and PAYBACK** – wrote original series treatments for Gaumont UK.

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

## **2021**

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

**PIXIE** – wrote 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.

## **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.

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## **AWARDS & NOMINATIONS**

### **LIFE AND DEATH IN THE WAREHOUSE:**

**2023 Winner**

RTS Television Award - Single Drama

Venice TV Award - Best TV Film

RTS Cymru Award - Drama

**2023 Nominee**

BAFTA TV AWARD - Single Drama

International Emmy Awards - TV movie/Mini-Series

Broadcast Awards - Best Single Drama

BAFTA Cymru Award - Best Television Drama

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.