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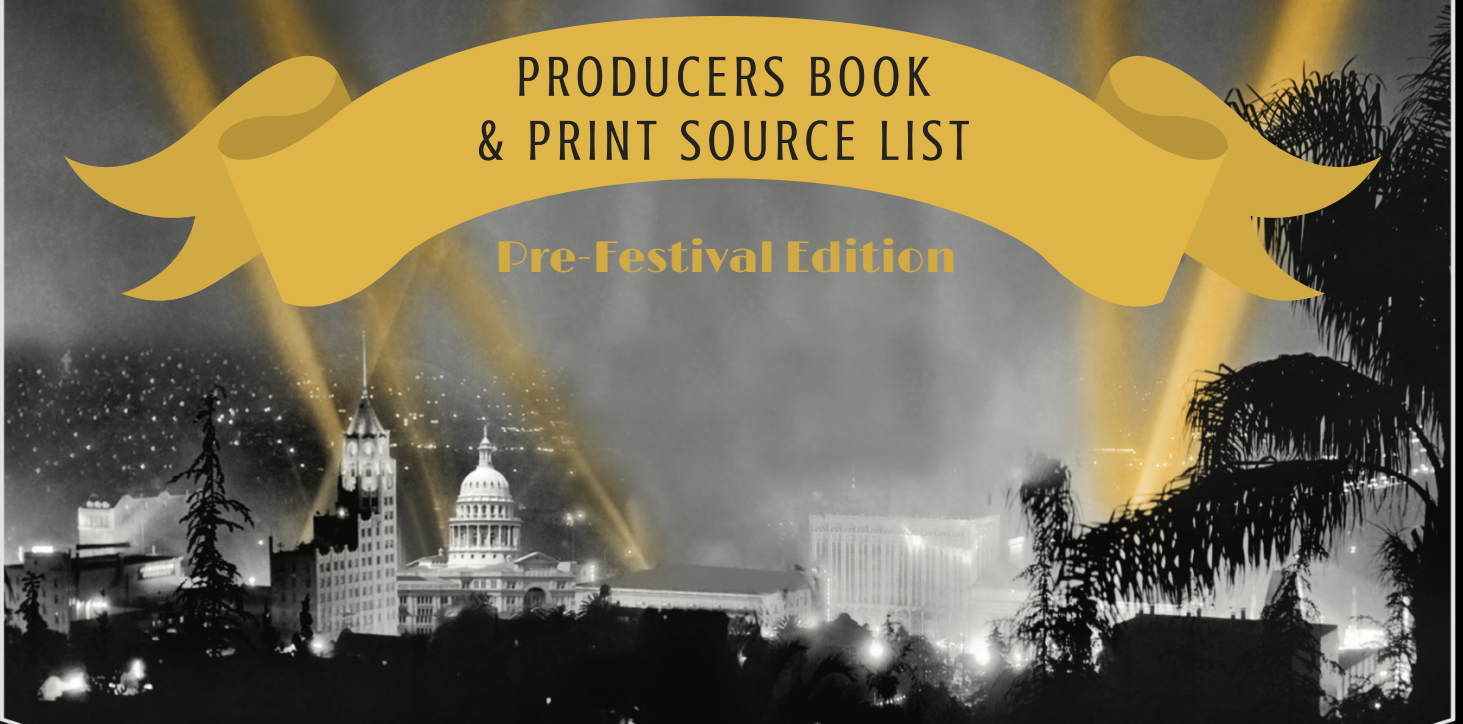
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THE 2017 PRODUCERS BOOK

A LETTER FROM THE SCREENPLAY & FILM COMPETITION DIRECTORS

Hello!

Each year, we prepare our annual Producers Book which contains loglines and contact information for the year's top scripts in our various Script Competitions. Please feel free to reach out to any of the writers listed here to request a copy of their scripts. Also included is our Print Source List containing information for all films selected for the 2017 Festival.

This year's Semifinalists and Finalists were chosen from a field of 9,487 scripts entered in our Screenplay, Digital Series, Playwriting, and Fiction Podcast Competitions. Each year we are amazed by the professional quality and talent that we receive and this year wasn't any different. The Competition is open to feature-length scripts in the genres of drama, comedy, sci-fi, and horror; teleplay pilots and specs, short scripts, stage plays, fiction podcast scripts, and digital series scripts.

Year after year, our strive in programming the Austin Film Festival film slate is to discover and champion the writers and those who can translate amazing stories to the screen. We received over 5,000 film submissions this year and had the task of whittling it down to 182 films that embody our mission and passion for storytelling. It was a harrowing task, but it led to our strongest year of film yet. We're so proud of this year's diverse group of filmmakers and unique voices and can't wait for these works to be seen, shared, and loved.

We are extremely proud of our writers and filmmakers and we hope you find material that matches what you are looking for. Thank you for your time and please reach out if you have any questions.

For questions regarding the listed scripts, please contact screenplay@austinfilmfestival.com and, for questions about the listed films, please contact programming@austinfilmfestival.com.

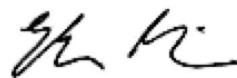
Best,



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Austin Film Festival



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Film Competition Director
Austin Film Festival



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DRAMA SCREENPLAY: FINALISTS

PRESENTED BY THE WRITERS GUILD OF AMERICA, EAST

Bait

By Jamie Ruddy

In a prosperous suburb in 1986, New Jersey, an 11-year-old girl discovers her father is a child molester and has been using her as bait. Will she protect him or tell the truth in this heartbreaking true story?

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Brokenhearted

By Caroline Hopkins

In a misguided attempt to mend her broken heart, a lovelorn twenty-something decides to break somebody else's.

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Oil and Water

By Alfred Thomas Catalfo & Morgan Webster Dudley

An epic battle erupts between Aristotle Onassis — richest man in the world and husband of Jackie Kennedy — and young housewife/novice state legislator Dudley Dudley when Onassis sets out to build the world's largest oil refinery on New Hampshire's pristine seacoast in 1973. Based on a true David-and-Goliath story with a strong female protagonist.

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Skin in the Game

By Rolf Potts

As white supremacist politics shake up Kansas in 1925, an African-American veteran crippled in World War I struggles to assemble an all-black Wichita baseball club that can compete in an exhibition game against a team of Ku Klux Klan all-stars. Based on real events.

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The Olive Tree

By Marie Maroun

When a disgraced soldier returns to the Middle East, his involvement in a massacre is exposed, sending him on a redemptive quest to reunite some of the survivors.

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The Return of Stevie Diamond

By Mike Million

Stevie Diamond was once the most famous magician in the world — now, his life and career are in tatters. When Stevie learns that his ex-wife is trying to get full custody of his ten-year-old daughter, he launches a dramatic comeback to prove to his family, and the world, that he is still the greatest magician who has ever lived.

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COMEDY SCREENPLAY: FINALISTS

PRESENTED BY SONY PICTURES ANIMATION

A Chris-Miscue

By Gregory Harty

It's a comedic reversal of A Christmas Carol when slacker ghost Arty accidentally targets his childhood friend Rich, literally the nicest guy in the world, for the "Scrooge" treatment. Realizing his mistake, Arty must race to stop three callous Christmas spirits before they harden a kind soul and upset the balance of goodwill on Earth by showing nice guy Rich just how often he's finished last.

Venice, CA

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Hal Hitler

By Aaron Kozak

The accident-prone, man-child brother of Adolf Hitler unwittingly dismantles the Third Reich while finding his place in the world. Conflicts occur when the true nature of his brother's evil regime comes to light, forcing him to choose between brotherly love and being on the right side of history.

Los Angeles, CA

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Rebecca and Quinn Get Scared

By Cylin Busby & Nanci Katz

Romy and Michele meets *The Conjuring* in this comedy/horror about two best friends who ditch their overpriced, dead-end lives in NYC to open a bed & breakfast in rural Maine...only to find out that the place is totally haunted.

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The Olympian

By Troy Anthony Miller

When a gifted but rebellious teen javelin thrower is kicked off her high school track team, her only hope for Olympic glory is to seek out the rowdy, reclusive former champion to be her coach.

Hollywood, CA

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Walking On the Moon

By Katie Golden

When a bankrupt Hollywood director is hired by the U.S. government to fake the Apollo 11 moon landing, he embarks on a top-secret quest to prove his artistic worth to himself, his ragtag crew, and the world.

Los Angeles, CA

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ENDERBY ENTERTAINMENT AWARD: FINALISTS

Open to feature scripts in all genres with an original concept and distinctive voice that can be independently produced with a production budget under \$10 million. Scripts were selected by the company's co-founders Rick Dugdale and Daniel Petrie, Jr.

Aleppo

By Roberto Dantas

After the death of his parents and sister during a bombing, a young boy and his teen brother must flee Syria to avoid becoming casualties of the civil war or being forced to join its ranks.

Los Angeles, CA

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Apacheria

By Andrew Reuland & Joey Grossfield

1896 New Mexico: an Apache reservation cop leads a posse of white ranchers on a manhunt for members of his own tribe.

Brooklyn, NY

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Dead Drunk & Naked

By David Scott Martin

A state wildlife officer teams with his cantankerous war veteran father when he tries to rescue his younger brothers — two muscle-car drivers who have gotten in over their heads transporting marijuana.

Portland, OR

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Mile 42

By John P. Dowgin

When an extreme distance runner encounters a human trafficking ring during a 100-mile desert ultramarathon, he must battle both exhaustion and the criminals to save the innocents.

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On the Road to Nowhere

By David Margolis

Set in 2000. On the eve of the Intifada, a beat-up high school failure arrives in Israel seeking an escape, but finds trouble and love with the daughter of his uncle's best friend, a Palestinian.

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HORROR AWARD: FINALISTS

Open to all subgenres of horror including thriller, dark suspense, sci-fi, and macabre themes.

Dru Hill Rising

By Mark Landry, Ace Norton, & Emile Hirsch

When his neighborhood faces gentrification by blood-sucking hipsters (literally vampires), an inner-city teen must try to unite rival gangs in an effort to save his community.

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Empty Glory

By David Calbert

Alex Wisher is a con-man who makes his bones by faking miracles. But when someone starts recreating 'miracles' from the con-man's past, expanding upon them to make them deadly, he and the local deputy set out to find the killer and stop the bloodshed.

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Family Photos

By Chad Harris

A man trying to address unusual memory loss undergoes an experimental treatment that traps him inside a tragic memory from his childhood.

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Last Night in Town

By Blake Hawk

An anxiety-riddled FBI agent returns to his hometown to assist in investigating a brutal homicide that mirrors a crime he committed, and got away with, as a teenager under the guidance of his manipulative best friend.

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Snowblind

By Dan Maurer

A journalist, haunted by repressed memories, investigates a murder that may uncover the truth about his traumatic childhood, but he quickly discovers he shares a decades-old secret with a killer eager to bury the past. Written in the vein of *Mystic River*, the Black List site calls it "a riveting and fast-paced thriller that twists and turns its way to the very end."

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SCI-FI AWARD: FINALISTS

PRESENTED BY SKYBOUND ENTERTAINMENT

Open to science fiction, fantasy, horror, surrealism, myth/legend and fantastical storytelling.
The multiplatform entertainment company was founded by Robert Kirkman and David Alpert.

Bristol

By David A. Flores

A broken young woman takes her dying grandfather on a roadtrip through an apocalyptic wasteland, in order to reach his childhood home before he passes.

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Every Horizon Beyond

By Henry Tranton

Humanity struggles to adapt to the colossal fallout following a paradigm shattering discovery of a cosmic scale.

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Real Time

By Robert Cholette

Thirteen years after a secret scientific experiment goes awry, Andy McKnight wakes up from a car accident to discover that his past has changed and the world is a different place. Now he must find a way back to the time he remembers, before his new life — or reality itself — falls apart.

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World War Geek

By John Morning

An ancient demon invades a small town on Halloween night and transforms all the trick-or-treaters into real monsters, so it's up to a pair of teenage comic book geeks to become unlikely heroes and save the day.

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AMC ONE-HOUR PILOT: FINALISTS

Scripts were exclusively selected by representatives from AMC.

4-F: Operation Underworld

By Greg Beck

With America drawn into World War II, US Naval Intelligence enlists the Mafia to help in the war effort. Classified as 4-F, a gangland lieutenant uses his outlaw nature to serve a patriotic cause he passionately believes in...the fight against fascism.

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Breakfield

By Caitlin Schneiderhan

When a government agent kills himself on the outskirts of a tiny Mojave Desert town, the tenacious local Deputy Sheriff is compelled to investigate the odd circumstances surrounding the death. But the more she digs, the closer she gets to uncovering a truth that could tear her town — and the rest of the world — down around her ears.

Los Angeles, CA

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End of Life

By Sean Collins-Smith

Frank runs an elaborate and decidedly illegal operation: helping stage murders for the suicidal. Their life insurance doesn't get voided, his team gets a cut, everyone goes home happy. What could possibly go wrong?

Richmond, VA

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Homeless in Palo Alto

By Aiyana White

Inspired by the author's true story of growing up poor and sporadically homeless amid the sprawling mansions of suburban Palo Alto.

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The Golden Cage

By Oskar Nordmark

A brilliant ex-con works her way up at a major Wall Street firm, but her scheming and hidden criminal past might get her in more trouble than she bargained for.

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SITCOM PILOT: FINALISTS

Fucking Robots

By Emily McGregor & Sam Weller

Fucking Robots is about a disgruntled engineer and her possibly sentient sex robot who fall madly in love and reluctantly try to save the world.

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Burbank, CA

Honkies and Homies

By Ondine Rarey

When an unexpected pregnancy sends Miguel and Rainbow Joy teetering on the edge of commitment, their families — a Mexican-American Catholic clan from the mean streets of East L.A. and Caucasian-Agnostic pot-growing hippies in Topanga Canyon — turn the potential marriage into a full-on cultural tug-of-war.

Los Angeles, CA

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Houston's Finest

By Kim Tran

Annie Vu is a risky criminal driven by ulterior motive; Vanessa Rosario is the untrusting agent who caught her. When they find themselves in an unlikely partnership, they end up in bizarre adventures.

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Misspelled

By Matt Corluka

The story of an inept witch and a talking cat & their quest to defeat the tyrant they (kind of) put in power.

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The Big D

By Jill Taylor

A soon-to-be divorced couple must remain living in the same house after financial pressures limit their options.

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ONE-HOUR SPEC: FINALISTS

Better Call Saul: Perdio

By Shawn Dwyer

When he refuses to defend Nacho's cousin in a rape case, Jimmy suddenly finds his life turned upside down after an unwanted confrontation turns deadly. Jimmy enlists Mike's help and the two try to bury the mistake in the desert, only to find themselves lost in the barren wastelands with Nacho trying to hunt them down.

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Black Mirror: Punchbag

By Steven Snell

A physically abused husband mistakenly believes he can endure his deteriorating marriage by using a lifelike virtual reality simulator service to work through his anger at his wife.

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House of Cards: Chapter 53

By Annakate Chappell

Claire Underwood takes the ICO hostage crisis into her own hands, manning the strings to political puppetry. Frank thinks he's given Will Conway just enough rope to hang himself, but Conway has a trick up his sleeve: tabloid king and Hollywood narcissist Keith Montgomery — his new running mate. Claire and Frank must now face harsh truths about the American public, as Montgomery gives rise to the new alt-right movement.

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SITCOM SPEC: FINALISTS

Atlanta: Ice Ice Baby

By Eunice Park

Al/Paper Boi finds out he's been ripped off by another rapper and immediately wants blood. Earn tries to stop Al but is waylaid by Darius who injures himself trying to set up a telescope to prove the Super Moon is a government hoax.

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Black-ish: Indigen-ish

By Derek Asaff

Dre goes off the reservation after Zoey decides to fill out her college applications identifying as Native American.

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You're the Worst: Antiversary

By Cara Danielle Brown

Jimmy and Gretchen decide to celebrate their anniversary by getting a free pass to bang one other pre-approved person. Meanwhile, Edgar swears off women to focus on writing, and Lindsay questions her blow job technique.

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SHORT SCREENPLAY: FINALISTS

Healing Matters

By Nir Shelter

After his pregnant wife's cancer becomes terminal, an ex-special forces soldier with PTSD must work as a mob hit-man to illegally get enough medicine to carry the baby to term.

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Odilo Fabian or (The Possibility of Impossible Dreams)

By Michael Rowney

In a town full of skeptics and cynics, botanist Odilo Fabian uses wishes to grow himself a second chance with his lost love Alice.

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Ringneck

By Michael Allcock

A noise issue between a mild mannered suburban couple and their Mafioso neighbors takes a tragic, darkly comic turn.

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Canada

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The Chocolate Kandinsky

By Suzanne Griffin

When reclusive bookseller Carl Hoffman goes to war with his brother over the sale of the family's priceless Kandinsky, Carl discovers that his love for his brother's alcoholic wife may be the only thing in life that's truly priceless.

Brooklyn, NY

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The Silent Waltz

By Sharon Rapose

Based on a true story, foreign correspondent Clare Hollingworth arrives in 1975 Beijing ready to report the truth, but clashes with her state-assigned, iron-willed translator Madame Wu, during the dark days of Mao's Cultural Revolution.

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PLAYWRITING AWARD: FINALISTS

UNDERWRITTEN BY SWEETWOOD CREATIVE

Miki

By Weiko Lin

After his Buddhist mother passes away of cancer, an alcoholic college circuit comic on the road reluctantly delivers her prayer bracelet to his estranged high school Jewish sweetheart in Chicago. The death that reconnects these two as adults turns out to be their source of salvation.

Pasadena, CA

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Signature Photo

By Michael Bucklin

Held captive by Syrian rebels, a photojournalist struggles to come to terms with her career and the controversial photograph that made her famous.

Los Angeles, CA

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The Burdens

By Matt Schatz

Mordy is a struggling musician living in Los Angeles. His older sister Jane is a successful attorney and a mother of three in New Jersey. But when their widowed mother's life becomes emotionally and financially taxed by her terrible, centenarian father, these two adult siblings are drawn together into an elaborate plot to relieve their mother's burden and their own.

Los Angeles, CA

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SCRIPTED DIGITAL SERIES: FINALISTS

PRESENTED BY STAGE 13

Lo: The New Adventures of Ultimate Man's Ex Girlfriend

By Tom Ciaccio

Lo, a brilliant investigative reporter, and woman-in-her-thirties ends her relationship in an attempt to refocus on and revitalize her career. But this proves to be impossible because her ex-boyfriend is Ultimate Man, America's favorite superhero.

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The Range

By Adam Groff

While waiting for her family to return home, a lone frontierswoman must defend herself and her land from a bizarre force that grows closer with each passing night. After weeks with no sign of her kin, the lost settler learns the true meaning of isolation, survival, fear, and the ways in which they quietly chip away at the mind, body, and spirit.

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The Spins

By Tim Zientek

The Spins tracks the funny conversations, intimate sexual encounters, and small, real moments of two young guys falling madly in love with each other. What could possibly go wrong?

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FICTION PODCAST: FINALISTS

PRESENTED BY PRI

How to Build a Fire

By Kat Sandler

In the small fracking town of Winnisk it's better to blend in. But there's always been something off about the Goodhand twins, Maisey and Sirius.

On their sixteenth birthday, a mysterious inferno destroys half the town, and Sirius, ablaze, is shot and killed by the sheriff. She says he was smiling. How far will the people of Winnisk go to prevent fire from catching again?

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Target

By Jenny Elder-Moke

An active shooter takes over a high school demanding answers for a personal tragedy, unraveling a web of secrets and lies that threaten to tear a small community apart.

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The Amelia Project

By Philip Thorne & Oystein Brager

The Amelia Project offers a very special service: faking its clients' deaths! Its eccentric clientele includes cult leaders, politicians and porn stars, all desperate to disappear and start over, but how long can the secrecy last?

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The Mystery of Easter Island

By Justin Glanville

At the dawn of World War I, a Englishwoman battling the onset of paranoid schizophrenia travels to remote Easter Island to decipher the island's ancient language, the key to which lies with a dying and delusional man living in a leper colony. Based on a true story.

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DRAMA SCREENPLAY: SEMIFINALISTS

PRESENTED BY THE WRITERS GUILD OF AMERICA, EAST

A Motivated Man

By Christopher Abeel

Chemist Fritz Haber sees the first World War as an opportunity to use his genius in service of his beloved Germany. Success in the laboratory earns him military support, fueling a deep-rooted nationalism that clashes with family, friends, and his own identity.

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A White Death

By Will McKim

A black comedy about grief based on the true story of the deadliest sniper in military history.

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Adolfo

By Sofía Auza

After his father's funeral, a young man misses the last train home and meets a girl who turns his night into an adventure to fulfill his dad's final request, before the morning train departs.

Querétaro - Mexico

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Aleppo

By Roberto Dantas

After the death of his parents and sister during a bombing, a young boy and his teen brother must flee Syria to avoid becoming casualties of the civil war or being forced to join its ranks.

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Apacheria

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1896 New Mexico: an Apache reservation cop leads a posse of white ranchers on a manhunt for members of his own tribe.

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Artificial

By Jonathan Dillon

Mason wakes up to discover he has been revived by the last surviving woman in the world. However, it's when he realizes that she hasn't been telling him the whole truth does he start to suspect what is real, and what is artificial.

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DRAMA SCREENPLAY: SEMIFINALISTS

Before Bahar

By Stacie Gancayco-Adlao

When New York's winter is coming to an end, John, an Iranian Muslim asylee, and Johanna, a free-spirited American, connect and fall in love. As their relationship intensifies, the disturbing revelation of the circumstances regarding John's reason for coming to the U.S. forces Johanna to lead him on a path to self-discovery while simultaneously sacrificing their love as they once knew it.

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Black Sea Rose

By Deirdre Brenner & Jillian Reilly

Haunted by her daughter's death, a hairdresser flees her sheltered life in Texas to rescue HIV-positive orphans in dangerous post-Communist Romania where hostile adversaries threaten not only the children's survival, but her own. Based on a true story.

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Bristol

By David A. Flores

A broken young woman takes her dying grandfather on a roadtrip through an apocalyptic wasteland, in order to reach his childhood home before he passes.

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Chrysalis

By Jonathan Volk

An interracial married couple struggles to come to terms with the role they played—and race played—in the tragic death of their young biracial son, Jack, at the hands of a police officer.

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Cosmic

By Keridwen Cornelius

Emotionally remote astronomer Carl Sagan and his team must create the Voyager Golden Record, a time capsule for Earth that tells extraterrestrials what it means to be human. But when married Carl falls in love with his engaged team member, it threatens to end the project, shatter relationships, and bring Carl crashing down to Earth.

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Damar

By Edessa Tailo

When Nadia's brother is kidnapped for ransom in war-torn Iraq, she must infiltrate an anti-government group to try and save his life.

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DRAMA SCREENPLAY: SEMIFINALISTS

Dead Drunk & Naked

By David Scott Martin

A state wildlife officer teams with his cantankerous war veteran father when he tries to rescue his younger brothers — two muscle-car drivers who have gotten in over their heads transporting marijuana.

Portland, OR **360.521.6364**
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Facts About the Moon

By Nina Varela

Boston, 1968. Heartbroken after the death of his wartime lover, Jesse Lewis (a Black, queer Vietnam veteran) searches for closure — and finds the anti-war movement. As he grows closer to the editor-in-chief of underground antiwar newspaper The Boston Radical, Jesse channels his grief into rebellion and his fury into change.

Studio City, CA **919.491.8477**
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Family Photos

By Chad Harris

A man trying to address unusual memory loss undergoes an experimental treatment that traps him inside a tragic memory from his childhood.

New Orleans, LA **504.813.4566**
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Game On

By Kate Moira Ryan & Marya Cohn

An incumbent senator must decide how low she will go when her estranged husband runs against her.

New York, NY **917.743.1260**
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God's Law

By L. Lynch

Recruited by radicalized Catholic nobles, pious soldier Guy Fawkes is determined to blow up the Protestant government on the day Parliament opens in 1605. But he must contend with an equally pious Catholic woman determined to unravel the Gunpowder Plot in a world of deception and double-dealing.

Austin, TX **914.471.7771**
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Here She Comes

By Jason Fournet

A teenage girl living in the mountains decides to leave her abusive parents after befriendng a young shepherd, but her plans are derailed when a bloodthirsty wolf claws its way into her life.

New York, NY **443.798.8207**
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DRAMA SCREENPLAY: SEMIFINALISTS

Ignorant

By Anita Justice

In 1950s Kentucky, a bright and beautiful teenaged girl is sheltered to the point of ignorance about the ways of the world—with disastrous results.

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Little Choice

By Tanya Gust

As WW2 looms, a desperate German Jew who forced her daughter onto the Kindertransport escapes execution and searches for her child who's lost in London before the Blitz. Inspired by true events.

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Locked In

By Liam Kavanagh

A kidnap victim trapped in a high-security building must escape his captors with help from a security guard who's just as trapped as he is.

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Lucky Phoenix

By Isabella Cohen

To stir up publicity for an indie film about bisexuality, newcomer Alice Albright has to pretend to date her A-list female costar Lucky Phoenix. But when the lines between reality and fiction become blurred, Alice finds herself at the crossroads of new feelings and a troubled, emotionally unavailable costar.

203.962.4694
Los Angeles, CA bellacohen8@gmail.com

Mandeville

By Russell Nichols

A traumatized black boy, whose brother was killed by a cop, volunteers for an experiment that tests his powers of prediction to prevent future murders.

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Maria Isabella Silvalessa

By Hunter Ridgway

A young, impoverished, homeless, brutalized, Latina woman rises, in the span of less than one year, from being the most insignificant and forsaken soul on the planet to being, at least for a brief shining moment, the most important person in the world.

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Megan's Island

By Jennifer Bernard & SoYun Roe

Megan's Island is a coming-of-age drama about two girls, best friends on a remote Maine island, and the explosive family secrets and betrayals that transform their lives and their tight fishing community.

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Mile 42

By John P. Dowgin

When an extreme distance runner encounters a human trafficking ring during a 100-mile desert ultramarathon, he must battle both exhaustion and the criminals to save the innocents.

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Mountain Meadows

By Alex Wilson

In 1857, the widow of a Mormon apostle leads her family in a wagon train across the Western territories in hopes of a fresh start in California.

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Points of Origin

By Anya Leta & Josh Billig

After years of unsuccessful attempts at pregnancy, RJ and Rosemary fly to Mumbai, India to meet the surrogate who will carry their child. But before they can move forward, RJ must reckon with his dark past that has cast a shadow, threatening to overtake both their lives.

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Release

By Stacie Shellner

A playboy with a fetish for being spanked navigates the aftermath of his mother's death with the help of a mousy mortician with ulterior motives.

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Robert the Bruce King of Scots

By Al Anderson

Scotland, king-less, divided, and on the brink of civil war is at the mercy of King Edward of England. Bruce, hunted amidst treachery and murder, his brothers executed, his wife and daughter in English dungeons, raises a small army of 7,000 to stand against Edward's heavily armed force of 24,000. "Today my friends, we must do or die."

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Roll the Bones

By Donn Kennedy

When a series of river killings plague a small Midwest town, two young Sheriff Deputies must unravel the case, before it unravels them. *True Detective* meets *Blood Simple*.

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Salting Cure

By Kate Murdoch

On the world stage, the artificially intelligent members of society are being corralled into compounds as humans fight amongst themselves about the best way to get rid of them. In a small upstate New York town, however, grizzled lawyer and local drunk, Charlotte Steele, is tasked with proving the innocence of an A.I. girl, despite the overwhelming prejudice against her.

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Steps to Becoming a Knight

By Hasmik Ekimyan

The only exposure to the outside world that a sheltered boy, Mackenzie, has is through the stories his Grandfather reads to him. However, when the Grandfather starts to believe he is none other than the great Don Quixote and sets off on an adventure with his grandson, Mackenzie is forced to face the very world he has been kept away from.

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The Glorious Eatons

By Kirsti Mikoda

Tricked into attending his family's Christmas in July Celebration, a reluctant ex-con fights to keep his freedom, despite local law enforcement, vengeful neighbors, and even his own brothers.

709.754.0123

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The Last American Lynching

By T Gordon Stanley & Jeremy J. Ford

Based on true events, Beulah Mae, a devout Christian whose son is lynched in 1981, relentlessly pursues justice confronting an obstructionist police force, character attacks on her son, and her own spiritual doubts. She succeeds in bankrupting and taking ownership of the Alabama Ku Klux Klan.

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The Ones We Got

By Zac Petrillo

When her brother goes missing, an ex-marine, and the pride of her small town, tries to track him down but soon discovers the home she thought she knew is in on a menacing secret.

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The Rub

By Oliver Leo

A cockney thief has to reconcile his past when he's forced to rob his ex-fiancée's bank.

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The Thin Blue Line

By Jeffrey Pollard

After an unarmed black man is killed by cops, a small town is thrust into the national spotlight as protests turn to riots and the police crackdown violently. Amid the chaos, a journalist and a whistle-blower cop risk everything to expose just how deep the cover-up goes.

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The Traveler

By Jameel Saleem

A time bending biopic that tells the dark and triumphant story of the life and hard-fought journey to success for the writer and creator of *Star Trek*, Gene Roddenberry.

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Violents

By Sofia Drummond-Moore

Set in the late 80s, Violents follows punk-rocker-turned-detective Julie as she is drawn back to her hometown to investigate the murder of a 16 year-old girl but becomes entangled in the lives of the victim's best friends, especially the leader of the pack, the dangerous and alluring Ishi.

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What the Fox Said

By James Stewart

When the children from a fantastical steampunk town are kidnapped by foxes who have been driven away from their homes, a brave girl and her little brother must find a way to escape — and bring peace to these rival worlds.

**Toronto, Ontario -
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Wide Open Spaces

By R.L. Hooker

Sheriff Dwight Burkett must solve the mystery of a missing migrant guest worker in a small Wyoming town full of secrets.

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Los Angeles, CA

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Bandits, Bullets, and a Whole Lotta Bad!

By Phillip Rogers

After shooting his way through his father-in-law's criminal syndicate, a grieving widower races for the border with a bag of stolen cash, and his estranged brother in the trunk. But, he quickly learns some crooks are hard to kill, and family doesn't always have your back.

North Hollywood, CA

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Goodlands

By Val Taylor

With their marriage on life support, a couple rekindles their passion in the thrill of watching their neighbor commit serial murders. Becoming low-key accomplices, they help him keep his secret at the risk of joining his victims.

Los Angeles, CA

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Invasion of the Movie Snatchers

By LeeAnn Patrick & Daniel Shinnars

A successful director frustrated with his reputation as "the sci-fi guy" is recruited by a trio of peaceful aliens to make a new blockbuster that fixes the bad intergalactic press they received from his last film. However, a meddling Hollywood executive and a xenophobic public place both the director's vision and the aliens' mission in jeopardy.

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Lackey

By Zac Kish

Lackey is a James Bond flick... from a henchman's perspective. When a blue-collar security guy discovers his super nice boss is actually a super evil megalomaniac, he must decide between his much-needed paycheck and, ugh, saving the world.

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Last Christmas

By Kate Erickson

An unraveling divorcee and her estranged lesbian sister take their dementia-addled mother to the family cabin for one last Christmas together.

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Rodeo

By Michael Prell

An animated musical family comedy about a headstrong young cowgirl who cross-dresses as a cowboy to enter a boys-only reality TV bull-riding contest — to win the prize money that will save her family's foreclosed rodeo.

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That Time of the Month

By Jordan Frazier

After a self-sabotaging hair-plucker discovers that his new girlfriend is a werewolf, he must learn to control his compulsions in order to save his lupine love from the clutches of an obsessed ex-boyfriend and survive until morning.

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The Boneyard Boys

By Richard Scobie

An aging and ailing, semi-famous rock star (living with his daughter) is forced to move into a retirement home to make room for his soon-to-be grandchild. Angry and bitter, he must somehow find a way to come to terms with his new surroundings, even if it means joining a band of geriatric misfits.

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These Uncertain Times

By Brian Rawlins

Holed up in her mobile home in a trailer park, a high strung young woman battles her mounting anxiety and guilt while her beau conducts his first and only drug deal.

Topanga, CA

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tikTok

By Peter Spencer

When a 16-year-old thief steals a magic stone, he accidentally swaps bodies with a 70-year-old man who has ten days to live.

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Westerville, OH

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World War Geek

By John Morning

An ancient demon invades a small town on Halloween night and transforms all the trick-or-treaters into real monsters, so it's up to a pair of teenage comic book geeks to become unlikely heroes and save the day.

Burbank, CA

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Zombie Kush

By Kyle Little

When a mysterious strain of weed begins turning the smokers of a small town into flesh-eating zombies, two rival pot dealers must team up, kick some ass, and nip the zombie apocalypse in the bud!

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Before Bahar

By Stacie Gancayco-Adlao

When New York's winter is coming to an end, John, an Iranian Muslim asylee, and Johanna, a free-spirited American, connect and fall in love. As their relationship intensifies, the disturbing revelation of the circumstances regarding John's reason for coming to the U.S. forces Johanna to lead him on a path to self-discovery while simultaneously sacrificing their love as they once knew it.

Van Nuys, CA

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Brokenhearted

By Caroline Hopkins

In a misguided attempt to mend her broken heart, a lovelorn twentysomething decides to break somebody else's.

Sacramento, CA

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Chrysalis

By Jonathan Volk

An interracial married couple struggles to come to terms with the role they played—and race played—in the tragic death of their young biracial son, Jack, at the hands of a police officer.

North Hollywood, CA

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Darlings

By Aaron Yeung

On a farm in the middle of nowhere, a mysterious old woman and her 8-year-old niece welcome in a group of criminals seeking sanctuary from a blizzard.

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Molly the Magnificent

By Joshua Sheehan & Marco Rodriguez

To escape her serious-minded elementary school, a wildly imaginative ten year old girl must solve an urgent mystery in her own fantastical way.

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Oil and Water

By Alfred Thomas Catalfo & Morgan Webster Dudley

An epic battle erupts between Aristotle Onassis — richest man in the world and husband of Jackie Kennedy — and young housewife/novice state legislator Dudley Dudley when Onassis sets out to build the world's largest oil refinery on New Hampshire's pristine sea coast in 1973. Based on a true David-and-Goliath story with a strong female protagonist.

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Ricky and Lucy

By Aza

Paths collide between a street-smart drug dealer and a beautiful blind girl on the run when they set out on a 48-hour, adrenaline-fueled adventure filled with danger, heartache and the promise of true love — all before either of them turns nine years old.

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Ripple

By Heather Faris

A war photographer recruits a child prostitute to help find her mother's killer in the Cambodian jungle.

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Snake Oil

By Paul Baiguerra

When a hopeless young realtor (Chris) is fired he falls under the spell of a dodgy wealth creation guru (Harry). Harry initially delivers riches to his newest acolyte, but things turn sour when regulators look to bring Harry undone. Pressure mounts within their cult like bubble and Chris just wants to make money, but Harry wants him to make a killing.

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The Battle of Midnight Pony Glo

By Oreathia Smith & Terry Zitterkopf

An African-American father races to find his son in the midst of a white supremacist group's violent takeover of a small Southern town.

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The Mortician's Son

By Nathan Leon

The son of a mortician must navigate high school, love, and his ability to converse with the deceased.

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The Olympian

By Troy Anthony Miller

When a gifted but rebellious teen javelin thrower is kicked off her high school track team, her only hope for Olympic glory is to seek out the rowdy, reclusive former champion to be her coach.

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The Return of Stevie Diamond

By Mike Million

Stevie Diamond was once the most famous magicians in the world — now, his life and career are in tatters. When Stevie learns that his ex-wife is trying to get full custody of his ten-year-old daughter, he launches a dramatic comeback to prove to his family, and the world, that he is still the greatest magician who has ever lived.

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Holed up in her mobile home in a trailer park, a high strung young woman battles her mounting anxiety and guilt while her beau conducts his first and only drug deal.

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Until the Sun Grows Cold

By Jay Holmes

The harrowing true story of the Japanese fighter pilot who crashed on the secluded Hawaiian island of Niihau in 1941. Miles from home, unable to speak the language, the pilot must find a way off the island before the Hawaiians discover his secret: America is at war with Japan, and the pilot just helped bomb Pearl Harbor.

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Walking on the Moon

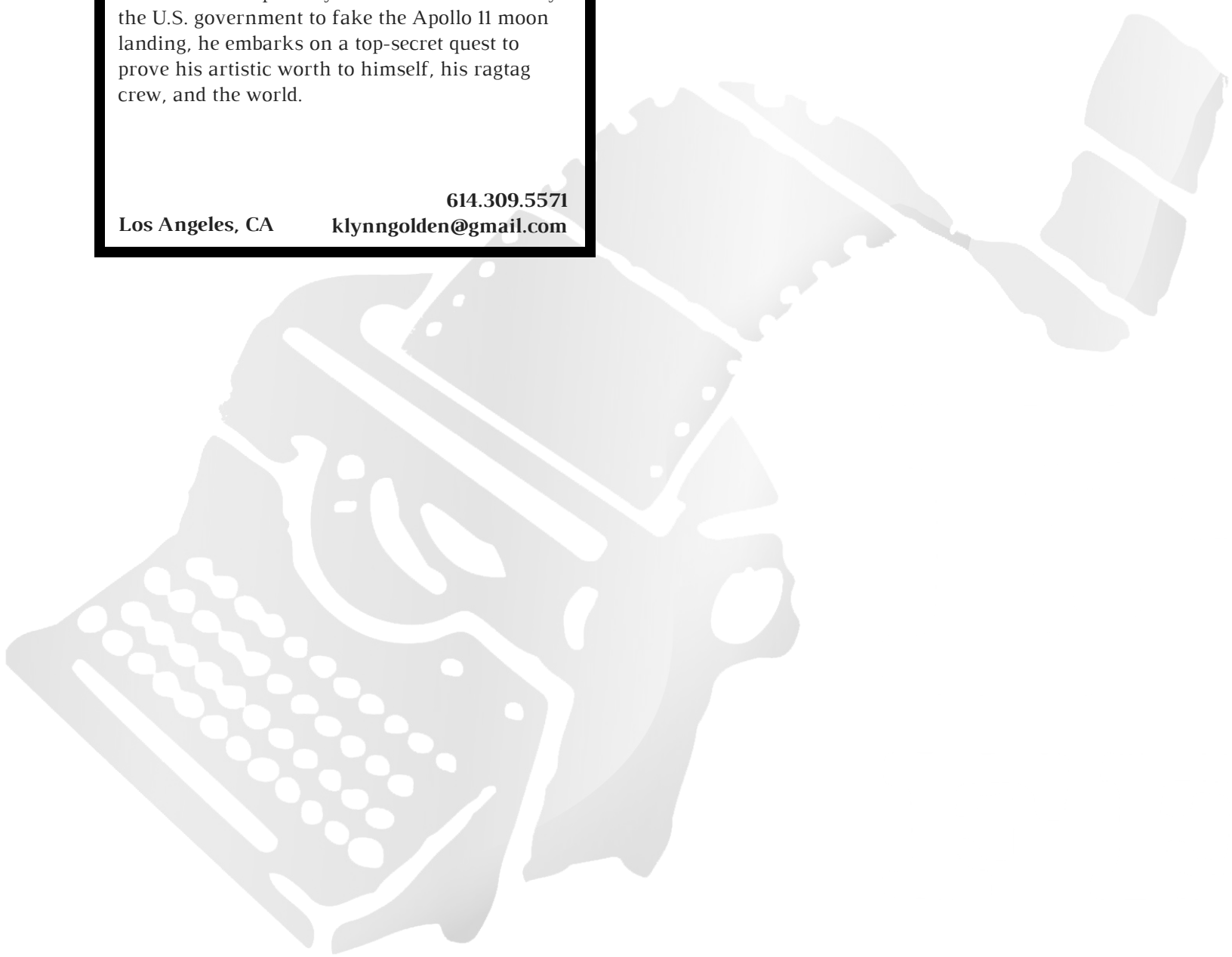
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Blood Relative

By Kevin Bachar

A teenager related to the ax murderess Lizzie Borden is the main suspect when a serial killer stalks her town. With her BFF and boyfriend by her side she struggles to find out if she's the culprit or the next victim? Based on true events.

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Crescent

By Leonard Johnson

Reunited with his estranged teen daughter after she survives a doomsday cult's mass suicide, a university professor strives to protect her from remnant cultists who need her dead to complete their apocalyptic mission.

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Date

By Christian Palacios Canterbury

A romantic date turns into a nightmare when a young mother is forced to murder her handsome suitor in the middle of the restaurant they are having dinner in...or risk never knowing where her five-year-old son has been buried alive.

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Infamy

By Jake Hull & Samuel Laskey

The lives of two young sociopaths — an Alt-Right troll and an aspiring Instagram star — intersect in strange and violent ways as they attempt to find fame.

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Muddy Water

By Jess Neuhauser

Loretta, a tough-as-nails river pirate of mixed race in the swamps of 1930's Louisiana, is hired by a powerful eccentric to hunt the treacherous and mystical bayou for the casket of his daughter. Before recovering her prize, Loretta must confront the Ku Klux Klan, monstrous alligators, rival pirates, and the mystery of her own origins.

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No Man's Land

By Joseph Rowley

After a vicious attack in the wilderness, a young woman risks everything to take revenge on the men who left her for dead.

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Pray for Me

By Paul J. Williams

Over the past twenty-five years, a series of horrific events have struck the once-prominent town of Smithfield, Virginia — the savage murder of a police officer and the arson of a historic church being among the most notorious. This documentary searches through the secrets, conspiracy-theories, and ugly truths for answers.

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Rebecca and Quinn Get Scared

By Cylin Busby & Nanci Katz

It's *Romy and Michelle* meets *The Conjuring* in this comedy/horror about two best friends who ditch their overpriced, dead-end lives in NYC to open a bed & breakfast in rural Maine...only to find out that the place is totally haunted.

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Small Town Slasher

By John Ungaro & Garrett Rockwell

In 1985, a killer named Joseph Haren, whose rampages brought the town of Primrose to its knees, was finally contained. This is the story of how a town turned their trauma into tourism, a maniac into a mass market brand and leveraged integrity for profit.

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The Drowning Pig

By Mark Fogarty

When possession becomes as common as cancer, an exorcist teams up with a teenage prostitute to trap demons inside his body before blowing his brains out and sending the demons to hell. As the demons slowly corrupt his soul, his assistant realizes she may be the one who has to pull the trigger.

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The Fairy King

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A PTSD war-photographer discovers that his unique combination of legal and illegal drugs renders him resistant to the effects of a virus that supercharges aggression in males, making him the only person who can protect a little girl orphaned during the initial outbreak. *28 Days Later* meets *Leon: the Professional* with a splash of Kubrick's *The Shining*.

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Based on true events. An American resort developer and his entourage visit a Pacific island, a venture soon complicated by a fanatic Japanese soldier who, having been stranded on the island since World War II, doesn't know the war has ended.

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Wanderers

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After burning down a local haunted house where an apparition menaced her two kids, a single mother struggles to fend off a home invasion by the rampaging spirit she unwittingly set free.

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Zippers

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In the days after his sister is shot, John discovers a parallel reality where his sister is no longer paralyzed, but his attempts at revenge have tragic consequences.

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All-Nighter

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Following a debauchorous night of sex, drugs and studying, a carefree college student discovers he can now see the near future. After witnessing a premonition of a mysterious murder, he and his genius cousin embark on a mission to prevent the crime, all while continually drunk and sleep-deprived.

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Artificial

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Mason wakes up to discover he has been revived by the last surviving woman in the world. However, it is when he discovers that she hasn't been telling him the whole truth does he start to suspect what is real, and what is artificial.

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Covered

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In a society where the rich can't die, a privileged yet empathetic college student is recruited by an activist group, and must take down the CEO of a healthcare company that is spreading an aggressive disease.

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On a future Earth that is toxic and dying, Karl (36) is broke, homeless, and at the end of his rope. But when he's offered a spot in the first wave of evacuations, he finds there might be a future out there for him after all.

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Dead Humans

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An undead boy's relentless crusade to stop a mysterious spaceship from harvesting human colonies for slave labor gets tangled in darker plots.

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Finding herself alone during a mysterious apocalyptic event, a recently bereaved woman must draw on all her strength to survive the oncoming threat. When she is called upon to save a stranger she is forced to evaluate the worth she puts on his life — and her own.

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Mother Machine

By Matt Eames

In the future, when it is possible to cheat death by saving and restoring your memories, a detective unravels the mystery behind his own murder.

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Passing

By Stacy F. McDonald

In this dystopian adaptation of the Harlem Renaissance novel of the same name, estranged friends, Irene and Clare, rekindle a relationship that has dangerous consequences in the racially segregated world of 2075 in which they live; however, it is Irene who ultimately threatens to undo them as her envy, jealousy, and paranoia grow in Clare's disruptive presence.

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Prisoner A

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After crash-landing in Syria, an American astronaut races to deliver his alien prisoner to the nearest US Embassy before ISIS hunts them down.

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A Neuro Reality junkie who helps other addicts burn out attempts to reconnect with his estranged daughter while struggling to maintain his grip on reality.

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When a 16-year-old mechanic discovers her estranged mother is from an alternate timeline, she embarks on a mission to bring her home — unknowingly putting herself in the middle of an inter-dimensional war between different versions of humankind.

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The Repass

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When a young French-Creole girl loses her brother in Hurricane Katrina, she is tormented by nightmares of that night and what has happened to her brother. To find him she will have to summon the strength of ancestral voodoo spirits and maneuver a world between the living and the dead or lose her brother forever.

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The Traveler

By Jameel Saleem

A time bending biopic that tells the dark and triumphant story of the life and hard-fought journey to success for the writer and creator of *Star Trek*, Gene Roddenberry.

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What the Fox Said

By James Stewart

When the children from a fantastical steampunk town are kidnapped by foxes who have been driven away from their homes, a brave girl and her little brother must find a way to escape — and bring peace to these rival worlds.

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Zipppers

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Alignment

By Jack Pirie

Three years after his wife vanishes from their home, a disillusioned FBI agent turns in his badge and sets off into the borderlands to find her, paying a criminal trafficking gang \$150K to transport him to the Alternate — a reality almost identical to ours that has become a strange and dangerous place of escape for immigrants, criminals, and anyone looking for a new place to call home.

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América follows the story of an 18-year-old Latina, América González, who crosses the U.S.–Mexico border illegally in search of a job, a better life and, most importantly, her missing father.

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Ancora

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A journalist and avowed skeptic intent on escaping her past finds she has to face it head on when she is forced to move back to her hometown — which just happens to be a place where miracles happen.

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Astralis

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Two women, a rogue Captain and a deadly alien outlaw, seek the truth behind a dark conspiracy from opposite sides of an galactic war.

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Beast of Prey: Crypsis

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New York City, 1953: a Holocaust survivor hunts the Nazi doctor who tortured her during the war, discovering a vast conspiracy in the process.

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Curse and Judgment

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A New Orleans lawyer with the power to see the deceased victims of the clients she defends must find justice to bring the spirits peace.

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Fraud

By Edward Anthony Shields

A recently paroled confidence man takes a job as an insurance claims investigator to prove to his sister that he has finally gone straight, but after he learns of the company's corruption, his sister disappears, forcing him to work with an undercover IRS agent to discover what happened to her.

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Free Us

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A Chaldean woman and her family are placed in grave danger when a right-wing militia takes control of their gated community.

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Gilded Cages

By Trish MacEnulty

In 1913, a society writer, who is supporting herself and her widowed mother, risks everything to investigate the disappearance of an heiress only to discover the sordid truth under the glamorous lifestyles she writes about.

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Give Up the Ghost: Destroyer

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Muskie, a New England fisherman, will be god-damned if he lets anyone stop him from achieving the American Dream. But with restrictive fishing regulations, the shit economy, and a vendetta-driven adversary, Muskie is forced to take risks that ultimately put the thing he cherishes most —his family —in mortal danger.

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Hel(L.A.)

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A quirky, foul-tempered Los Angeles PI takes the reins of her family's mythological investigation business after her father's disappearance. With the help of her immature wannabe filmmaker brother and out-of-control actress sister, she fearlessly tracks down the multi-cultural monsters that live in the shadows of the ethnic pockets of Los Angeles.

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Heresies and Majesties

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GAME OF THRONES meets AMERICAN GODS:

During the religious turmoil of the 1550s, a blacksmith with a terrible secret finds himself drawn into the dangerous world of a heretical stranger and a mysterious woman — a world that will soon converge on the court of England's most notorious queen, Bloody Mary.

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House on Royal

By Peter Ochs & Dustin Castleberry

When Kat, a mentally imbalanced teacher in a mixed-race marriage, moves with her husband Myles into an old Creole mansion in New Orleans, she is lured into the strange world of voodoo by Beaumont, their aged groundskeeper, who enlists Kat in a battle between two spirits — one who wants her womb, and the other who wants her dead.

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When rookie airline captain Kendra Campbell averts an in-flight disaster, the publicity from her act of heroism draws forth a dangerous threat from the life that she left behind.

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Lacuna: Hanna

By Ella Roby & Zahid Gamieldien

A reclusive bookstore owner is caught between a band of idealistic rebels and a scheming secret agent as she tries to atone for her involvement in a covert government program that targets underprivileged women.

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Legacy

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Mike Jamison had it all but it was never enough — decorated 20-year career, ten figure bank account, worshipped as the greatest basketball player and competitor ever. Now, he faces new battles as coach of his former team: a ruthless new owner, a journalist excavating skeletons from his past, and his greatest challenge — saving his 19-year old son from going down the same ruinous path he did.

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Mother Mandelbaum

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The true story of Fredericka 'Mother' Mandelbaum, the Matriarch of the largest organized crime syndicate in the Gilded Age, but as a woman and a Jew, her increasing power threatened the status quo of New York Society and as her wealth grew, so did her enemies.

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A disgraced Yakuza gangster flees Tokyo to start a fashion empire with his estranged half-brother in New York. However, complications arise when he begins raising capital using the New York underworld.

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Two rival brothers on opposite ends of the drug war must re-unite to save their family from a ruthless cartel.

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The Incident in Question

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When a sexual assault is live-streamed on a college campus, bystanders are swept into an investigation complicated by technology, politics, and fear of retribution.

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After discovering her mother's extensive correspondence with a notorious serial killer, Violet Bryce finds herself entangled in family secrets when a similar murder occurs in her own backyard.

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The Shadows

By Annabelle Black

Chancie Devore (33) gets people out of Faustian bargains. These deals are made — for love, for power, for riches, for fame — with demonic but invisible entities called Shadows. Like a hard-boiled detective, Chancie, follows a trail of desperation, greed, death and betrayal to trap the Shadow and put the nightmare back in the box. The series blends private-eye mystery with supernatural chills.

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The Slayer Rule: Civil Terms

By Mia Farmer

New Orleans attorney Eli Landry knows all the tricks in the book when it comes to defending his clients against the "Slayer Rule" — a law that prohibits killers from inheriting their victim's estate — but when Eli's estranged wife becomes the prime suspect in her own father's murder — he's soon pulled into a deeper mystery that unearths more than one skeleton in his in-laws' closet.

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All the Man's Presidents

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Ghosts of former presidents return to influence modern politics after a conservative senator discovers a mysterious makeup compact that Nancy Reagan once used to communicate with the dead.

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The mind of a paparazzi-fodder party girl is run by a corporate office in her brain, where the co-director of operations attempts to balance this girl's well being against the wishes of everyone around her and the irresistible temptation of becoming even more famous.

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Hollywood and Legal

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A washed-up child star returns to Hollywood as a celebrity defense attorney. Back in the spotlight she fights for her clients while struggling to keep her fame-hungry tween from making her past mistakes. Too bad her mom, a talent manager has other ideas.

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Intelligents

By Scott C. Reynolds

Intelligents is a workplace comedy about the office workers of the NSA — HR, accounting, IT, and the other people that make it run. As a new President takes power, the NSA is a very different place, and when Ryan Jackson, the help desk supervisor, discovers something in the server room, he finds himself in the middle of a major national security conspiracy.

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Kid Appropriate

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Four musicians in a world-famous children's music group struggle to protect their kid-friendly public personas from their raunchy personal lives, and vice versa.

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Narcs

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An underachieving small-town cop and a recently demoted NYPD officer go undercover as PTA moms in order to bust a suburban drug ring.

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Primetime

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A career-driven 40-year-old earns her dream job anchoring a primetime news hour only to learn she's been teamed with a handsome, impetuous co-host with whom she recently had a one-night stand and who's about to become much more than her professional partner.

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Pro-Gamer

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A young, talented gamer becomes the captain of a new eSports team, but has a hard time getting his eccentric team to listen to him and cooperate with each other.

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Reasonable Doubt

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A broke trust-fund baby gets into Berkeley Law so she can free her boyfriend who her father has locked in prison. But cut-throat students, her fondness for coke, and her devious dad are all grounds for reasonable doubt that she can ever succeed.

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Required Volunteering

By Paige VanTassell

A crass but good-hearted ex-convict is court-ordered to volunteer at a plucky community center. When she accidentally gets her straight-laced, religious supervisor high, she'll have to enlist help to subdue the now crazed Christian, or else risk being sent back to jail.

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The Lot

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Professional wrestling legend Rumbly Jim Jessop comes out of used car salesman retirement to rescue his business from his inept son and fight off a mean-spirited takeover campaign from his own ex-wife.

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The Reality Fairy Show

By Nat Topping

A struggling children's entertainer uses puppets, songs and his own unfortunate life experiences to teach you kids at home about life's harder lessons — all while attempting to piece together his own life!

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Uncle Frankie

By Jennifer Vierck

A former children's television performer has to get sober when faced with a medical crisis. But with his head clear, the hallucinations that have plagued him since childhood reemerge. What happens if Uncle Frankie can't escape his playhouse?

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Vagabonds

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An eighteenth century ragtag crew of pirates set sail for the coast of Cornwall, where their egotistical captain plans to exact revenge on an old adversary.

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Vincent Locke: Villain-At-Law

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A misanthropic lawyer for superheroes becomes sick of living in an unfair world that favors superpowers, so he decides to make a group for non-superpower rights only to accidentally make a super villain group.

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Black Mirror: The Future Is Female

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Two women programmers develop an “empathy-based” gaming tech — which forces misogynistic players to experience life as the women they victimize.

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Stranger Things: Emergency Exits

*By Neil Krolicki, Melina Franca,
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The search for Eleven puts the season one survivors in the crosshairs of the Upside Down's vengeance while a military manhunt for an infected Will Byers threatens all of Hawkins.

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The Americans: The Body

By Amy Lambert

When Irina, Philip's ex-girlfriend and an ex-Directorate S agent, turns up dead in Washington, D.C., Philip and Elizabeth have to get her body before the FBI figures out who she is and can connect her to Philip.

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Black-ish: The Dairy Queen

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To Dre's discontent, Bow starts selling homemade nut milk at the local farmer's market, but is unprepared for ruthless competition from a rival, while his kids are off scheming in their own different ways.

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Catastrophe: The Man Who Walked Into Doors

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A jobless Rob, feeling sidelined by Sharon's new business, goes to underhanded measures to get the attention he so badly craves, unwittingly jeopardizing Sharon's success in the process

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Man Seeking Woman: The Mating Game

By Caitlin English

Josh feels the chill of singlehood as winter kicks off Couples' Hibernation. But things heat up when Polly, a down to earth hottie, takes a shine to him. The problem is she's polyamorous. Josh desperately wants to be cool with this modern love, but insecurity literally plagues him.

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New Girl: Volunteer Day

By Michael Millichamp

While volunteering at a nursing home, Jess tries to win the love of an unruly mentor, Schmidt hunts down a mythical anti-aging cream, and Winston tries to figure out what old people smell consists of.

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The Last Man On Earth: The Tandy Invitational

By Michael Orlando

After a golf-related birthday surprise for his wife falls flat, Tandy tries to salvage the day with a not-so-friendly 18 holes against a child. Meanwhile, Carol concocts an explosive scheme to test the group's reliability — a disaster that requires Tandy and his shredded self-esteem to save the day using mannequins, fireworks, and some inappropriate fatherly advice.

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SHORT SCREENPLAY: SEMIFINALISTS

Aria: A Banshee Song

By Roisin Jones

Aria, a young Banshee in training, receives failing grades in warning mortals of their loved ones' impending departures, and receives help and inspiration from an unexpected muse, a human boy.

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Bug and the Fireflies

By Robert Holland & Chi Laughlin

Bug is an anti-social, cantankerous gear-head of a beetle who spends his time building inventions out of junk he finds on the forest floor. But when he is mocked by a group of fireflies, he prepares to go to war.

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Conviction

By Nino Mancuso & Olivia MacKenzie-Smith

After the death of her husband, a prison guard has fallen in love with an inmate and helped him escape so the two can live their lives together off the life insurance money she's received.

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Ice Cream

By Ora Yashar

A young boy and his grandfather take great delight in an afternoon at their favorite ice cream parlor, only to soon find themselves bonded by far more complex circumstances.

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Izzie

By Angie Nolan

Eight-year-old Izzie's new cochlear implants aren't all she had hoped they would be. Especially with her father Tommy refusing to sing the one song she's dreamed of hearing her entire life.

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Luck

By Jason Briker

After his Christian parents are rounded up by a jihadist gang, a Muslim doctor in war-torn Syria makes a split-second decision to pursue an extraordinary, and excruciating, rescue strategy.

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Matt and the Epic Microwave Odyssey

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After a natural disaster destroys much of the world, Matt, the wide-eyed heir to a microwave oatmeal dynasty, journeys through the rubble on a cat drawn skateboard in a quest to reinvent the microwave.

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Motel Bibles

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A series of vignettes examines what happens to the typically forgotten Motel Bibles most of us ignore, while exploring issues of faith and religion.

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One-Way Trip

By Justin Shatraw

A surly son, a distant wife, an inconvenient zombie outbreak... the apocalypse comes in all shapes and sizes for Kurt Malmuth. When his attempt to close the growing gap between himself and his family leaves them stranded at a highway rest stop, he must confront alien invaders, giant monsters, and even New Jersey rednecks to win his family back.

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Pepper Puckerbottom's Pot of Gold

By Kimberly Shumate

Grunt... squish... and holy crap! Pepper's poop is now celestial gold after a mystical rainbow settles on his Appalachian outhouse. Butt wealth is subjective, and booty brings with it a mess of trouble as big city investors descend.

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Royston Mains

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A wily old boxer returns home to take back his drug business only to find himself out-boxed and out-foxed.

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The Bleeding Cellist

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A guilt-ridden cellist must confront her domineering matriarchal mother in order to break free from her past and finally be able to live the life she desperately wants.

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The Wave of the Future

By Lovinder Gill

What do you do when the world has passed you by? When you're the last of a bygone era? Do you stand your ground and fight for what you know or do you just ride the wave of the future?

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Virtually Fine

By Gil Saint

What good is living in the world of tomorrow if you're still haunted by all the problems of today? That's the question at the center of this dystopian dark comedy. But science may finally have an answer: an experimental device that can change anyone's worldview, even Miller, the future's most pathetic sad-sack of man.

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When a grandson asks about the unusual Wooden Dice on the shelf, his grandfather stays mum. Because one never knows what deeds hide behind an old man's smile.

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Borderline

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Carlos (20s) returns from the Iraq war after his illegal-immigrant brother is killed to find his parents deported to Mexico and his siblings placed in California foster care. He struggles to get his siblings back amidst political skullduggery, an outpouring of hate toward Hispanic Americans, and calls to build a wall among the Mexican border.

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Elevator Girl

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Elevator Girl was never meant to be more than an urban legend, a sexual revenge fantasy created by Vanessa and her graphic illustrator boyfriend. But when the comic superhero unleashes her boyfriend's darkest fantasies, as well as a flesh-and-blood copycat, Vanessa must stop EG in her tracks—with the truth.

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Ghost Walks Into a Bar

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Burdened by grief and a supernatural ability to talk to the dead, a stand-up comedian attempts to help the ghosts in her life to pass on. Little does she know, the ghosts want her to move on too, perhaps with the help of the damaged but charming serial killer escapee who has been hanging around the bar...

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Michael Jackson Is Dead (Hee-Hee)

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Deep in the Guatemalan jungle during the bloody Civil War, a Mayan mother and daughter fight to stay together as soldiers from the capital and spirits from the past invade their crumbling village.

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These Dying Generations

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When Annabel Foley has a stroke, her estranged daughter Helen bribes beloved granddaughter (and perennial screwup) Madison to take on the role of caregiver, landing three generations of difficult women under one roof. An ode to imperfect mothers, and the imperfect children they create.

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Chrysalis

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Hairy Legs Hannah's Feminist Quarter-Hour

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In this program created by Woke City's Ministry of Progressive Affairs, feminist tweeter/Social Justice Warrior Hairy Legs Hannah tackles issues of discrimination, inequality, and free speech to teach kids about the liberal agenda — or she would, if she had any interest in following the script read by white, straight male narrator Ally Ira.

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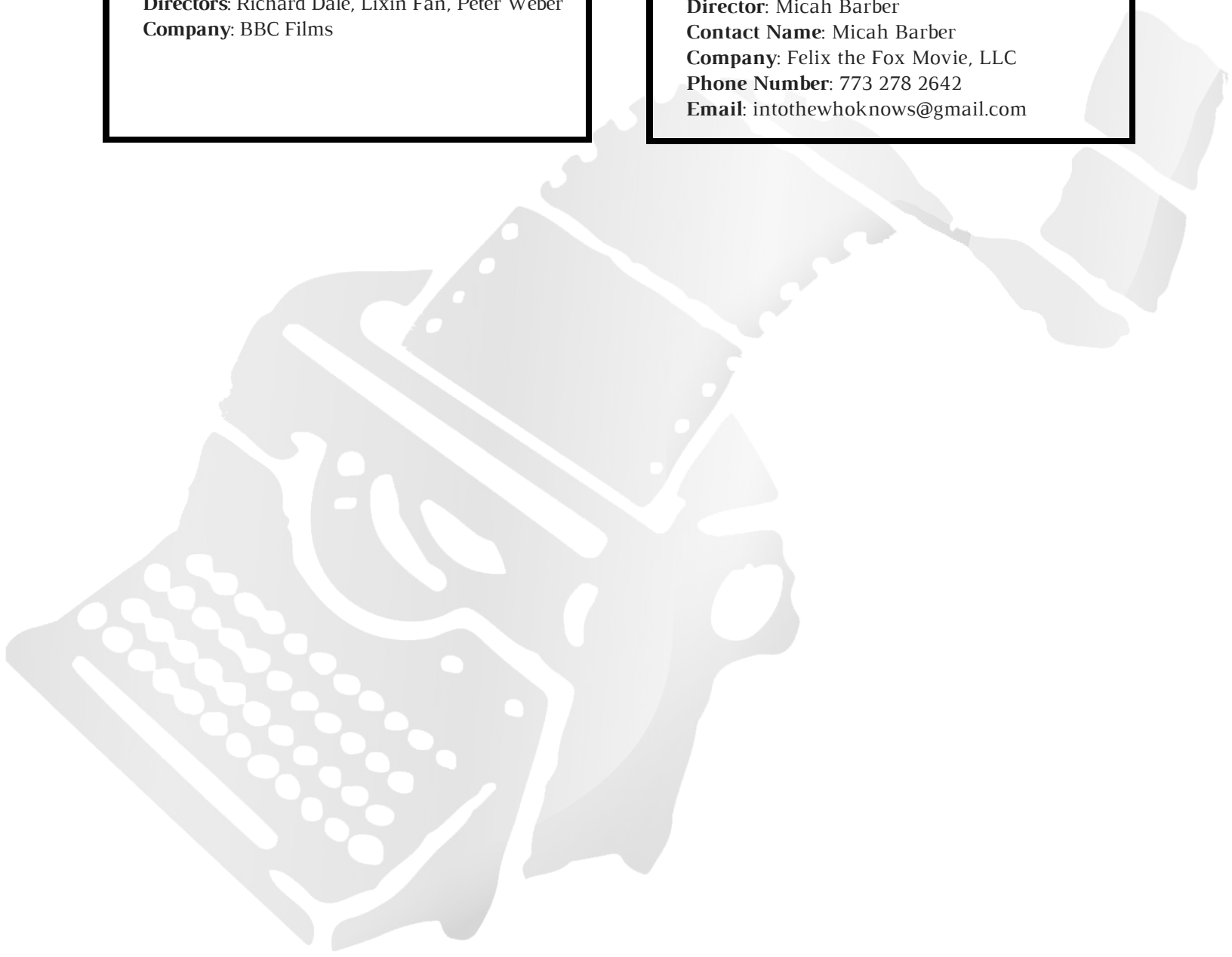
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