



BEN PAYNTER

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Biography: Ben Paynter is a British-Australian screenwriter and author who has lived in the UK, Germany and Australia. He has been a resident writer on the Canneseries (2020) and Eureka Series (2021) programmes and was also selected for Serial Eyes (2021). Ben has collaborated extensively with writers, directors and producers from around the world. His short-form scripts and films have been selected by major international festivals and competitions.

His original Comedy Spy Thriller series FRIENDLY RELATIONS is currently in development with Warner Bros Germany and his Dark Comedy feature film GRETA is in development with Milan Film AG.

With a background in literature (MA Prose Writing, University of Manchester Centre for New Writing) and bookselling, Ben also has a keen interest in books and adaptations.

Ben is a fluent German speaker and is based in London.

In Development

FRIENDLY RELATIONS	TV series Warner Bros Germany	Comedy Spy Thriller set in Berlin.
GRETA	Dark Comedy Feature Film Milan Film AG	Set in the Thurgau mountains outside of Zurich, about the extremely strained relationship between a man in his 40s and his mother, Greta.

Credits

TRICKSTERS	2021	Dir. Ashwin Mohan. Prod. Rochna Kumar. BBC Radio 4	Winner, Best Foreign Language Short, Indie Short Fest (Los Angeles). Nominated Indiefilmopolis, Capital City Film Fest, Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival, American Golden Picture International Film Festival, London Movie Awards, New York Movie Awards, Royal Society of Television and Motion Picture awards, Tagore International Film Festival.
PERFECTION	2020	Dir. Robin Fraser. Prod. Hide Whone.	Nominated Lift-Off festivals (Berlin, London, Tokyo, Austin, Manchester, Toronto, Los Angeles), Cine Paris Film Festival. Semi-finalist Flickers Rhode Island Film Film Festival.



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THE WEIGHT OF THE LAND	2019	Dir. Simon Helbling. Prod. Brianna Ferguson	Nominated Flickers Rhode Island Film Festival.
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