

RACHEL MURRELL – Screenwriter - 2026

Rachel is a BAFTA-nominated writer with a sassy sense of humour and a gift for creating memorable characters and rich, fully-imagined story worlds.

A former journalist and script editor, she writes drama, comedy-drama, sitcom and microdrama, and is a graduate of the 2023 Women in Film & TV Mentoring Scheme where her mentor was acclaimed screenwriter Abi Morgan.

Inspired by Abi, Rachel draws on her own experiences – supported by intensive research – to create compelling, character-led stories that explore the lives and choices of real people, particularly women, misfits, and outsiders.

BAD BLOOD, a six-part psychological thriller about sibling rivalry and succession in the Highlands, was backed by development incubator Climate Spring. **UPSIDE DOWN**, a YA series about six thrill-seeking teenagers in the high-stakes world of aerial circus, was a finalist in the BAFTA/Roccliffe New Writing Awards of 2017.

Equally at home writing comedy, Rachel's comedy-drama **THE INVISIBLES**, about three 60something female vigilantes, began life during her mentorship by Abi Morgan. A live reading from her new sitcom **MY BLEEPING HEART** received a rapturous reception at The Script's The Thing in Dorchester in May 2025.

Rachel's original project **CALEDONIA DREAMING** was a finalist for Studio21 Micro Drama Script Competition 2025 and Rachel pitched her script to the global drama business at Content London 2025.

MOXY, Rachel's script for an animated feature for kids and family, is a heartwarming story about a little cheetah cub who dares to be different. Readers have called it "visual", filled with "heart and passion", and "woven with fun and adventure."

Rachel began her TV career as a script reader at Picture Palace TV, rising to become head of development at Red Rooster TV. She then started writing for children's television, where her scripts have won awards and been shortlisted for a Children's BAFTA, a BAFTA/ Roccliffe, and an International Kids' Emmy Award.

Script writer – Projects in development

The Invisibles

A returnable 8 x 60' comedy-drama series following three 60something female vigilantes who fight misogyny using wit, hairdryers, and the older woman's 'cloak of invisibility'. But misogyny fights back...

Bad Blood

A 6 x 60' psychological thriller set in the Highlands which follows two feuding sisters on opposing sides of the climate emergency. Supported by Climate Spring.

My Bleeping Heart

A sitcom about a newly-divorced 40something women dipping her toe into the world of dating while wrangling a job, three judgemental kids, a swipe-right addicted best friend, and her own emotional baggage.

Caledonia Dreaming

A microdrama (50 x 3' episodes) comedy road movie. Finalist for the 2025 Studio 21 scriptwriting competition.

Upside Down

A YA drama series about six misfit teens facing their fears in the high-risk world of contemporary circus. Finalist in the BAFTA/Rocliffe New Writers' Awards.

Moxy

Heartwarming animated feature for kids and family about a young female cheetah cub who dares to be different.

Bodyswap

Screenplay for a 12' short film about a gender-queer hacktivist who takes down Putin.

Script editor – selected TV drama credits

<i>Sharpe's Peril</i>	ITV	Picture Palace TV/ Celtic Films	2008
<i>Sharpe's Challenge</i>	ITV	Picture Palace TV/ Celtic Films	2006
<i>Frances Tuesday</i>	ITV	Picture Palace TV/ Celtic Films	2004
<i>Rebel Heart</i>	BBC1	Picture Palace TV/ Celtic Films	2001
<i>A Life for a Life</i>	ITV	Picture Palace TV/ Celtic Films	1998

Script writer – selected children's credits

<i>Percy's Tiger Tales</i>	Tiji/ M6	La Fabrique d'Images	2022
<i>Ziggy & the Zoo Tram</i>	VRT/ Ketnet	GRID Animation/ Fabrique	2016
<i>PJ Masks</i>	Disney Junior	Frogbox/ eOne	2016
<i>What's the Big Idea?</i>	CBeebies	Planet Nemo	2013
<i>Ask Lara</i>	BBC Two	Tomovistas/ Red Kite	2012
		Finalist, International Emmy Kids' Awards	
<i>Princess Lillifee & the Little Unicorn</i>	Caligari Films	Animated feature	2011
<i>The Jungle Book</i>	CBBC	DQ Entertainment	2010
<i>Chuggington</i>	CBeebies	Ludorum	2008
<i>Little Princess</i>	Milkshake	Illuminated Film	2006
		Finalist, Children's BAFTAs; finalist, British Animation Awards; winner, Best Animated Series, Stuttgart Festival	
<i>The Koala Brothers</i>	CBeebies	Spellbound	2006

