

Jessica Riches

Writer

Jessica Riches took a 10 year detour on the way to writing, leading on social and digital strategy for high profile political lobbies and scarily innovative tech startups. She received a degree in English Literature from UCL, as well as an injunction for protesting too much while she was there. This was not her only experience challenging authority.

She's perfectly positioned to tell stories about complicated young women with big missions and big hearts taking on really big modern issues.

She has an original 'cli-fi' thriller series in development with [Fingerprint Content](#), founded by John Kerry, (President Biden's special climate envoy). She's also developing a high-end 'book club fiction' podcast with theatre director [Emily Ling Williams](#), and a short film with director [Maya Zupano](#).

Jessica's currently nominated for the 2021 Edinburgh TV Festival / TV Foundation New Voices Awards in the new comedy script category. Her YA drama script *Treasure* reached the final 50 in the 2020 BBC Writersroom, and the second round in the Austin Film Festival 2020. Thanks to ongoing support from the Black List website she was fast-tracked to the final 30 of the Cannes Film Festival writers residency 2021 and the semi-finals of the Austin TV Festival pitch contest 2021.



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Credits

In Development

Production	Company	Notes
STRAND 2022		- 6 x 60' original 'cli-fi' thriller series

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SATURNINE 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 30' Dramey / Sad-Com Pilot - Edinburgh TV Festival 2021: New Voices: Comedy Writing Award Nominee - Narcissistic party girl Frankie meets hapless government worker Alex in the midst of heartbreak and a global crisis. It's your average drunken meet-cute - until Alex discovers Frankie's astrological birth chart, and realises she might *actually* be as important as she thinks she is
TREASURE 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 60' YA Drama Pilot - BBC Writersroom final 50, AFF second round, ATV pitch contest final 30 and Cannes Film Festival writers retreat final 30, both with support from Black List website - A MySpace-era murder mystery in a small UK suburb. An alternative teenager takes on her small town to uncover the truth about her sister's death, with only a dick pic to guide her
CLOSE TO ME 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fiction Podcast Series - Developing with Emily Ling Williams
SALAD DAYS 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Short Film - Developing with with Maya Zupano