

## Nigel Planer

Writer / Actor



Nigel Planer was an original member of **Comedy Store** and **Comic Strip** clubs who were at the centre of the so called '*Alternative Comedy*' movement in the 1980s, writing material for **Outer Limits** double act with Peter Richardson, and sketches for **Not the Nine O'Clock News**, **Radioactive**.

He is author of 2 novels, (*The Right Man*, *Faking It*), non-fiction books (*A Good Enough Dad*, *Therapy and How to Avoid It*), and *I, An Actor* which spawned BBC TV and radio series, '*The Naked Actor*'. Radio plays (*On the Ceiling*, *The Magnificent Andrea*), 4 episodes of audio drama for *Big Finish*. Stage plays, (*On the Ceiling*, *Death of Long Pig*, *The Game of Love and Chai*, *Vulcan 7*, the musical *She Devil*, and the farce *All Above Board*).

He's written over 100 episodes of *The Magic Roundabout* (for Channel 4), *Funseekers* (Comic Strip Presents with Doug Lucie, BBC), *King and Castle*, (2 Episodes with Andy de laTour, ITV) . And countless articles including, Telegraph, Times, Mail on Sunday, Spectator, Mail, Guardian, Journal of Robert Louis Stevenson studies, Tagore website Gitanjali and Beyond, etc . He's had his Poetry published in various anthologies and a collection; *Unlike The Buddha*, as well as touring as a performance poet with the likes of Henry Normal and Lemn Sissay.

He's been a regular attendee at the **Arvon Foundation** Writer's residential weeks – initially as a student, then as a tutor and course runner, where he runs a course called; "*Creating Character*."

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