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## ROBERT RIGBY

Robert Rigby began his career as a journalist, then spent several years in the music business as a songwriter and session musician. He has become an established young people's playwright and his award-winning work with youth theatre companies has been seen in Britain, Europe and Africa. Plays currently out on tour include **PLAY IN A DAY** (Lynx Theatre).

Robert now straddles the worlds of television and books. He was one of the lead writers on Zenith Entertainment's award-winning Tyneside soap for young people **BYKER GROVE** (CBBC) from Series 13-15.

Meanwhile he has extended his range further as a novelist, teaming up with best-selling thriller writer, Andy McNab to co-write a series of four action/adventure books for young adults for Random House. **BOY SOLDIER, PAYBACK** (both 2005), **AVENGER** (2006) and **MELTDOWN** (May 2007) have sold over 250,000 copies in the UK to date. Putnam have published the first three books in the US and translation rights have been widely sold. Random House will be releasing the books on audio later in 2008 and Robert and Andy are currently adapting the first two books as a theatrical feature, originally commissioned by BBC Films.

Meanwhile, Robert continues his association with Random House on solo novelisations of the football film trilogy **GOAL!** The first film was released in the UK in September 2005 with the sequel **GOAL II: LIVING THE DREAM** on general release in February 2007 (both Buena Vista). Both novels sold in high numbers with **GOAL!** selected for special promotions at WH Smith, Waterstones, Borders, and Amazon. Translation rights have been sold worldwide.

Robert is also a regular contributor to national newspapers. Articles include one for The Times coinciding with **BOY SOLDIER** publication on how to attract teenage boys to reading.

Credits include:

### Film

Original work for film includes **FEN RUNNERS** a story about ice skating clan rivalry on the Victorian Fens.

With Andy McNab, Robert is currently writing an adaptation of the first two novels in the **BOY SOLDIER** series, originally commissioned for BBC Films.

In 2005, Robert joined the poker table – he was commissioned to write the dramatic script for an instructional Poker DVD for Music & Brands. This was released by Warners for the Christmas market and starred Nick Moran and Mike Reid.

### Television

Byker Grove	Writer	Zenith North/CBBC (Series 13-15)
Crossroads	Writer	Carlton/ITV (2003)
Ella	Writer	Telltale Productions (pre-school)
Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends		
	Writer	Gullane Entertainment (pre-school)
Jack and the Pack	Writer	Gullane Entertainment (pre-school)
Thinkabout Science	Writer (series)	BBC Television

