

# DAVID WILSON

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## CURRICULUM VITAE

I am a widely experienced freelance writer, director and producer. I specialize in history and archaeology, mainly about Europe and the United States. I'm passionate about history, whether it's in an archive and interview show [*Women of the Bible*, *Ruling Passions*], high end dramadoc [*Britain's Bloodiest Dynasty*, *Forged in Fire*, *The Bible*] or more conventional presenter-led documentary [*Ancient Greece: The Greatest Show on Earth*, *Lost Kingdoms of Africa*, *Empire*, *Monarchy*]. I believe compelling narrative is at the core of history whatever the format, and I love bringing the past to life on screen. Based in London, I began my TV career at Thames TV and have subsequently worked with many of the UK's leading factual production companies including Ten Alps [Brook-Lapping, Blakeway, 3BM], United/Granada [Bristol], Diverse, Pioneer and Tern [Glasgow], making programmes for a wide range of networks in the UK and elsewhere. I am experienced in all formats, shooting a wide range of programmes in locations from Europe and the UK to America, the Middle East, India and Africa.

### Selected credits

**2014**

#### **Women of the Bible**

96' for the Lifetime Channel    Lightworkersmedia    Writer/Storyliner/Producer

#### **Britain's Bloodiest Dynasty: The Plantagenets**

4x45' for Channel 5, presented by Dan Jones    Channel 5 Productions    Writer/Series Producer

**2013**

#### **Britain's Secret Homes; Britain's Secret Treasures [series 2]**

ITV for ITV1    Writer/Producer/Director

**2012**

#### **Ancient Greece: The Greatest Show on Earth**

3x60' for BBC4, presented by Michael Scott    Tern TV for BBC4    Writer/Series Producer

#### **The Bible [documentary series]**

Lightworkersmedia for History Channel    Writer/Series producer

#### **The Bridges that Built London**

1 x 60' Presented by Dan Cruickshank Tern TV for BBC4    Writer/Producer/Director

**2011**

#### **Guilty Pleasures: Luxury in Ancient Greece; Luxury in the Middle Ages**

2x 60' Presented by Michael Scott    Tern TV for BBC4    Writer/Series Producer/Director

**2010**

#### **The Story of God**

Development project for BBC1/Discovery    BBC Religion, Manchester    Development Writer

#### **Delphi: Bellybutton of the Ancient World**

1 x 60' Presented by Michael Scott    Tern TV for BBC4    Writer/Producer/Director

## **2009**

### **Lost Kingdoms of Africa**

2 x 60' Presented by Gus Casely-Hayford IWC Media for BBC2/4 Writer/Producer/Director

### **History's Hardest Prison**

1 x 50' dramadoc, Pulse Films for National Geographic UK Writer/Producer/Director

### **Selected credits [cont]**

## **2008**

### **Christianity: A History**

2 x 50' with Kwame Kwei-Armah and Robert Beckford Pioneer Productions for Channel 4  
Writer/Producer/Director

## **2007**

### **Forged in Fire**

10 x 50' dramadocs Brook-Lapping Productions for Discovery US Writer/Series Producer  
[development]

## **2006**

### **The Bible Revolution**

102' dramadoc: presented by Rod Liddle Silver Hugo award, CBC award  
Pioneer Productions for Channel 4/WNET Writer/Producer/Director

### **The History Quiz**

Pilot for More 4, presented by David Mitchell Objective Productions for More 4 Producer

## **2005**

### **Terry Jones' Barbarians**

50' Oxford Film and TV for BBC2 Writer/Producer/Director

### **God's Rottweiler?**

50' 3BM Television for Channel 4 Executive producer

### **EVIL**

50' presented by Tom Wright, Bishop of Durham  
Blakeway Productions for Channel 4 Writer/Producer/Director

## **2004**

### **Who Wrote the Bible?**

104' presented by Robert Beckford Diverse Production for Channel 4 Writer/Producer/Director

### **Map Man**

2 x 30' presented by Nicholas Crane Tern Television for BBC2 Writer/Producer/Director

## **2003**

### **Resurrection**

50' presented by Tom Wright, Bishop of Durham Winner of CBC Media award  
Blakeway Productions for Channel 4 Writer/Producer/Director

### **Monarchy**

2 x 50': presented by David Starkey Granada Bristol for Channel 4  
Writer/Producer/director; co-author of accompanying book

## **2002**

### **Empire**

2x50': presented by Niall Ferguson Blakeway Productions for Channel 4  
Writer/Producer/Director

## **2001**

### **Armada**

1x 50' Secret History      3BM television for Channel 4      Writer/Producer/Director

## **2000**

### **Battle Fields**

2x50': presented by Richard Holmes      United Productions for BBC2      Writer/Producer/Director

## **Additional Credits 1988-99**

<b>Ape-man</b> , BBC2;	<b>For Love or Money...?</b> Channel 4, Series producer;
<b>Abdul Aziz</b> [2 x 50'], McKinnon Films;	<b>Heart of the Matter</b> BBC1;
<b>Challenge of the New</b> , Geofilms for BP;	<b>Down to Earth</b> , Channel 4, Series producer;
<b>The Road to Golgotha</b> , BBC1, Series producer;	<b>Visions</b> , ITV, Series editor;
<b>Ruling Passions: sex, race and Empire</b> , BBC2, Series producer;	<b>Jesus before Christ</b> , Channel 4;
<b>A Progress through Politics</b> BBC2;	<b>Secret Society – Cabinet</b> , Channel 4;
<b>Capital Futures</b> Carlton TV;	<b>A Gift Wrapped in Thorns</b> ITV;
<b>Europe Express</b> Channel 4;	<b>Murder Squad</b> ITV
	<b>The Treatment</b> ITV

## **Previous employment**

General researcher: Thames TV; Writer, Publicity Department: Thames TV  
Desk-editor: Penguin Books

## **Education**

Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge: MA (Hons), History  
Marlborough College, Wilts: 3 A levels, 6 O levels

## **Referees**

Philip Craig, EVP & Chief Creative Officer Discovery Networks International  
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Harry Bell, Creative Director, Tern TV [harry.bell@terntv.com](mailto:harry.bell@terntv.com)