

**ROBERT RIGBY – Writer and Musician**

Robert Rigby began his career as a journalist, then spent several years in the music business as a songwriter and session musician before becoming a writer, initially for theatre and television and subsequently extending his range to fiction for young adults and radio drama.

Robert's fiction includes his collaboration with best-selling thriller writer Andy McNab on a series of action/adventure books for young adults for Doubleday/Corgi. The adrenaline-pounding **Boy Soldier**, **Payback** (both 2005), **Avenger** (2006) and **Meltdown** (May 2007) have sold over 500,000 copies in the UK. Putnam published the first three books in the US and translation rights have been sold worldwide.

Robert also enjoys writing for radio, most recently a dramatisation of Alan Sillitoe's classic **The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner** directed by Carl Prekopp for Goldhawk Essential and BBC Radio Four's *Classic Serial* (August 2016).

Robert's work for the pre-school/early years age range continues in 2017 with **Waterways** (10 x 5' series about water, Robert Rigby Partnership for CBeebies Radio, March – May 2017).

Robert's award-winning work with youth theatre companies has been seen in Britain, Europe and Africa and his distinctive **Play in a Day** brand continues to be presented by schools across the UK through Lynx Theatre.

Credits include:

**Books**

**The Eagle Trail** (2014), **Codename Eagle** (2015)

Writer

YA historical action/adventure (Walker Books)

**Running in Her Shadow, Parallel Lines, Wheels of Fire, Deep Waters**

Writer

Official London 2012 titles (Carlton Books)

**Goal!, Goal.II Living the Dream, Goal: Glory Days**

Writer

Tie-in novelisations for Buena Vista films (2005, 2007, 2009) (Random House)

**Posters on the Walls, No Laughing Matter**

Tie-in books for Byker Grove television series (Two-Can Publishing)

**Radio**

**Sounds Like This**

Writer/composer/  
co-presenter/  
producer

26 x 5' series bringing the phonetic alphabet to life (Made in Manchester for CBeebies Radio)

**Saturday Night and Sunday Morning**

Writer

2-part dramatisation of Allan Sillitoe's classic novel. Director Carl Prekopp for Goldhawk Essential/BBC Radio 4 *New Wave Season* (2013)

**No Particular Place to Go** Writer/Composer

BBC Radio 4 *Afternoon Theatre*. Director Nick Russell-Pavier for Goldhawk Essential

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<b>No Place Like Home</b>	Thriller	Co-written with Nick Russell-Pavier who also directed. BBC Radio 4 <i>Afternoon Theatre</i> (2010).
<b>Thriller Playhouse</b>	Composer (series)	BBC Radio 4
<b>Mutiny on the Bounty</b>	Composer	BBC Radio 4
<b><u>Young People's Theatre</u></b>		
<b>Play in a Day</b>	Writer	Lynx Theatre and Konflux Theatre (in schools nationwide, 2002 to date)
<b>Don't Forget to Remember</b>		
	Writer	CTC, Co. Durham tour of special Schools (spring 2003)
<b>Norah's Ark</b>	Writer	Konflux Theatre, York
<b>Dance To My Tune</b>	Writer	Lynx Theatre in Education
<b>Tutankhamun's Wish</b>	Writer	Nottingham Playhouse
<b>Almost Human</b>	Writer	Lynx Theatre in Education Edinburgh Festival, 2002 Replay Theatre, N. Ireland, 2002
<b>My Friend Willy</b>	Writer	Y Touring, London
<b>Saving Energy</b>	Writer	Suffolk Theatre in Education Roundabout Theatre, 2002
<b><u>Theatre</u></b>		
<b>A Bad Case of Love</b>	Writer	Eastern Angles, Ipswich
<b>Silent Moves</b>	Writer	Mercury Theatre, Colchester
<b>Peculiar People</b>	Writer	Eastern Angles, Ipswich
<b>Rock Star</b>	Composer/Lyricist	Pomegranate Theatre, Chesterfield
<b><u>Television</u></b>		
<b>Byker Grove</b>	Writer	Zenith North/CBBC (Series 13-15)
<b>Crossroads</b>	Writer	Carlton/ITV (2003)
<b>Ella</b>	Writer	Telltale Productions (pre-school)
<b>Thomas &amp; Friends</b>	Writer	Gullane Entertainment (pre-school)
<b>Jack and the Pack</b>	Writer	Gullane Entertainment (pre-school)
<b><u>Film</u></b>		
<b>Fen Runners</b>	Writer	Original story about ice skating clan rivalry on the Victorian Fens
<b>The Poker Academy</b>	Writer	Poker DVD starring Nick Moran (Universal, 2005)

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