

# Annabelle Cairns

Based in Devon | Open to relocating to South East England or remote roles  
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## PERSONAL STATEMENT

Creative, driven, and highly motivated writer with a background in Film Studies, Screenwriting, and Creative Writing. I'm passionate about storytelling in all its forms - from silent comedy to fantasy fiction - and continuously developing my own work. With a proven track record of academic excellence, professional collaboration, and award recognition, I bring a strong voice, a deep understanding of narrative, and a commitment to producing high-quality, emotionally resonant content.

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## EDUCATION

### MA Creative Writing - University of Exeter

Merit | 2023 - 2024

- Workshopped regularly with peers, offering critical feedback and editing support.
- Wrote the first half of an original fantasy novel, exploring themes of duality, identity, and transformation.
- Continuously writing and developing new projects with the goal of publishing a full novel.

### BA (Hons) Film Studies & Screenwriting - University of Winchester

Upper Second-Class Honours | 2019 - 2022

- Winner of the 2022 Screenwriting Award for Outstanding Performance across Screenwriting Modules.
  - Developed and submitted an original silent comedy pilot and first episode, receiving a mark of 77.
  - Work recognised by the Female Pilot Club.
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## CREATIVE WORK & RECOGNITION

- Writer of original fantasy and contemporary fiction projects, blending gothic, magical realism, and character-driven storytelling.
  - Work recognised by the Female Pilot Club, with scripts selected for review.
  - Long-term goal: to publish a debut novel, currently in development.
  - Extensive peer feedback and editing experience through postgraduate workshops.
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## EXPERIENCE

### Exam Invigilator - South Devon College

2024 - Present

- Maintained calm and professional exam environments.
- Ensured regulations were followed with accuracy and consistency.

### Retail Assistant - Sainsbury's & Boots

2017 - 2021 (various roles)

- Provided excellent customer service in fast-paced environments.
- Recognised for initiative, problem-solving, and communication skills.
- Gained experience in team-based and customer-facing roles.

### Volunteer - Paignton Picture House

2016

- Assisted with community engagement for one of the UK's oldest purpose-built cinemas.

## INTERESTS

- Member of local run clubs and regular yoga practitioner.
- Passionate hiker with a goal of trekking to Everest Base Camp.
- Spent time travelling to Singapore, Malaysia & Penang - cultural experiences that influence my writing.
- Enthusiast of theme parks and immersive experiences - fascinated by the creativity, storytelling, and innovation behind ride design and world-building.
- Avid reader with a love for fiction across genres, especially fantasy, gothic, and contemporary.