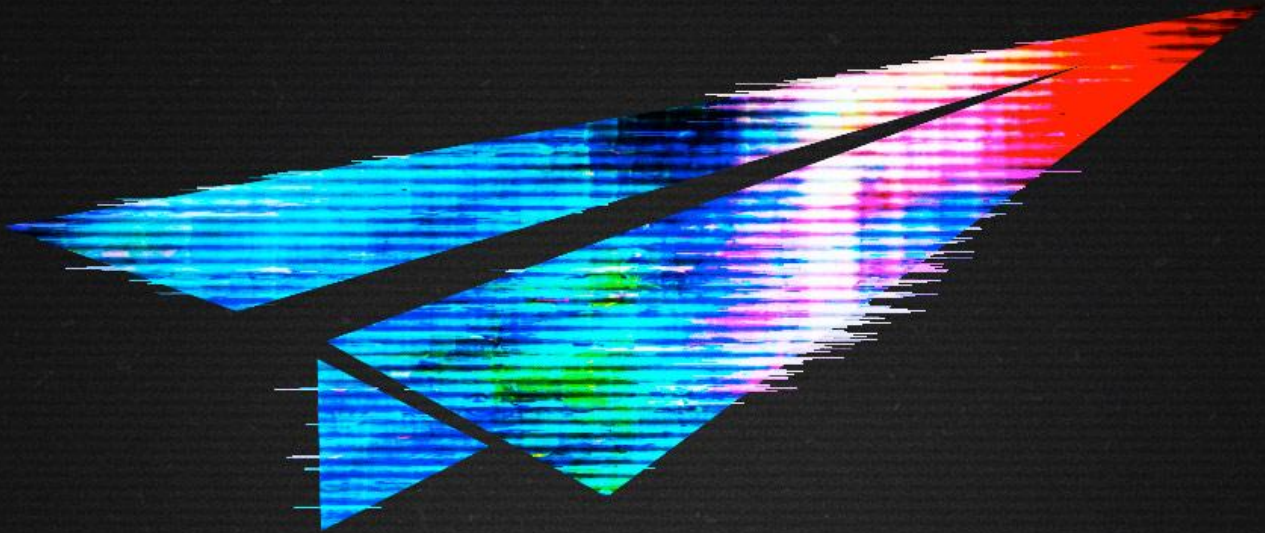


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TV PILOT
SCREENWRITING COMPETITION

TOP 100

FINALIST BOOK

2 6 8 by Marcus Ashley

Sci-Fi

A woman wakes to a post-apocalyptic world after years in stasis and sets out into the dangerous unknown to find her lost family.

45 STORIES by Eric Berg

Drama | Period

A young man fresh from serving with the Army Corps of Engineers gets a job with an up-and-coming architect to remake Chicago in 1946.

A SPOONFUL OF SUGAR by Josh Berman and Janelle Goforth

Dark Comedy | Drama

A clinically diagnosed psychopath uses her emotionless logic to be a ruthless and effective life coach in an effort to become a better person.

AFTER SCHOOL by Aaron Barrocas

Comedy

After being fired from the company he founded, a famous As-Seen-On-TV inventor decides that his next business venture will be fixing up his nephew's failing after-school program.

ALIEN OF EXTRAORDINARY ABILITY

by Rishan Dhamija, Edwin Joseph and Sola Fadiran

Comedy

A young Indian actor with only a year left on his work permit must find a job and prove his talents to get an O-1 artist visa before he gets deported.

ALTERED by Eryn Williams

Drama | Sci-Fi

A reclusive crime scene analyst who has hidden his telekinesis since he was a kid to avoid government detection investigates a murder that may implicate his childhood friend, who was taken away years earlier for using his own power.

APOLLO 19 by Ray Gettman Bush

Drama | Period | Sci-Fi

Three Apollo astronauts splash down from a successful lunar landing only to discover they've returned to an alternate reality where no one believes they traveled to the moon.

BIG SHOULDERS by Tate Hamilton

Biopic | Drama | Period

A determined community activist faces off against the mayor of Chicago in an effort to end the violence in the most notorious gang-controlled neighborhood in 1980s America.

BLACKAPPELLA by Danny Rogers

Comedy | LGBTQ

Rejected by his dream singing group at a predominantly white liberal arts college, a gay Black freshman fights to have his voice heard by forming his own a cappella group.

BLOOD VALLEY by Rebecca Leib

Drama | Period | Western

Years after moving to the West and reinventing herself as a criminal for hire, a young woman is confronted by her estranged sister who wants to take over the lawless town for herself.

BLOODROOTS by Amber Johnson

Drama | Horror | Supernatural

When her mother goes missing, a young woman returns to the rural hometown that ostracized her, where she's forced to make amends with the powerful hoodoo family she turned her back on in order to save them all.

BOYSTOWN by G.M. Stuart

Drama | LGBTQ | Period

Driven by the loss of a close friend, a group of young gay artists become activists to protest the government's treatment of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in 1980s Chicago in the hopes of saving lives and creating change.

BROCK WILBUR: ADVENTURE PIG by Lukas Ridge

Adventure | Animation | Comedy | Family

An intrepid young reporter gets her big break when she goes on an adventure with a teen inventor and an incredible pig who always catches the bad guys.

BUTTERFLY by Max Hersh

Drama | Sports | Teen

A Canadian teenager leaves her working-class town to move in with her uncle in Boston and become the starting goalie for the boys' hockey team at her prestigious new high school.

CHORUS BOY by Tommar Wilson

Drama

Behind the sparkly marquee lights of Broadway, an actor fights against his own worst impulses and the prejudices of the industry as he tries to break in.

CLEAN SLATE by Indigo Hinton

Dark Comedy | Horror

An amnesiac struggles to become a better person after discovering she used to be a serial killer.

CODESWITCH by Sasha Kai Parker

Comedy | Drama

After a high-profile investor passes on their app, two Black co-founders — a bad and bougie hustler and an aloof software engineer — hire a white “faux founder” to help them woo the Silicon Beach tech elites.

CON(TEMPORARY) ARTIST by Carol Brown

Dark Comedy | Drama

When a struggling artist's Craigslist roommate dies tragically in a freak accident, she learns he told his wealthy and influential family that they were engaged, and they want to use their money and connections to advance her career.

DESI FAMILY by Huse Madhavji

Comedy

A South Asian family embraces the American Dream while trying to keep hold of their roots.

DEX AND LILLA: GALACTIC EXPLORERS by Rose Bueno

Animation | Comedy | Family | Sci-Fi

An alien on his debut mission as an abduction specialist accidentally takes the wrong targets — a precocious girl and her dog — launching them into an exciting opportunity to explore the cosmos as the universe's first intergalactic team.

DUNGEON CRAWLERS by Zach Wilson

Animation | Comedy | Fantasy

An ambitious young minotaur gets her first job as dungeon master leading a team of monsters to protect gold from thieving heroes, and quickly finds herself in over her head as she attempts to balance office politics, mutinous employees, and a crush on her assistant.

ENTRE NOS by Jesenia Ruiz

Drama

The eldest daughter of a family split by the US-Mexico border must raise her younger siblings alone in America, while her deported brother starts his life over in a tiny Mexican town he barely remembers.

EXODUS by Shyam Popat

Drama | Period

When the Asian minority in Uganda is forcibly expelled in 1971, a refugee starts a new life in Britain, where he fights to provide for his family while separated from them.

FERMENTATION by Christine Garver

Dark Comedy

A rebellious woman fights to succeed as a winemaker in Sonoma, but her ex-con mother, sober ex-husband, and arrogant new boss — along with a history of reckless behavior and heavy drinking — threaten to derail her career just as years of work culminate in the perfect vintage.

FIRST by Joe Haar

Drama | Sports

A wily consultant reluctantly agrees to work with her father's failing Formula 1 team, embroiling herself in the dirty business of motorsport while navigating complex, nasty family politics.

FIRT by Peter Sullivan

Comedy

An ambitious young man takes a job teaching high school on a remote island that is governed by a set of archaic and eccentric laws.

FLOWER GIRLS by Eleanor Cho

Drama

A North Korean teenager is smuggled across the border to China to follow her sister who defected a year earlier, only to confront a harsh new reality where she is trapped in an underground world of sex trafficking and drugs.

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY by Jordan Ramp

Drama | Period

A young man on the run in 1981 joins a fledgling, floundering circus full of performers and crew who will do anything to keep it in operation.

FORGIVE AND FORGET by Eugene Garcia-Cross

Comedy

A buttoned-up young architect must put the past behind him when he's forced to take in his party animal father after he's diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

FUCKBOI by Warner Wood

Drama | LGBTQ | Thriller

A social-climbing, queer millennial assistant suspects his boss may have a deadly fetish that's killing sex workers and — with the help of an unhoused, queer Black teen — works to take the powerful man down.

GERIOSITY by Barbara Ward Thall

Drama | Sci-Fi

When the US government accelerates an incentivized euthanasia program which claims to be the answer to food shortages and overpopulation, an aging and disaffected software engineer goes into hiding along with her research, which might provide a solution to save younger generations.

HATCH by Sandy Nicholson

Sci-Fi | Thriller

Four groups of strangers locked in separate underground bunkers figure out a way to communicate with one another and begin to realize they're not being protected from the world above but rather being held captive for reasons more insidious than they could have imagined.

HOOD by Pab Sungenis

Crime | Drama

A modern day Robin Hood and his outlaw friends hack the rich to give to the poor, but the promise of their biggest job yet is overshadowed by an FBI agent determined to take them down.

HOW TO BUILD A CULT by Zoe Vitale

Drama | Horror | Teen

A teen girl revives the family business of running a cult in order to bring her mother back from the dead.

JOE by Fred Salmon

Comedy | Drama | Period

A young con artist named Joseph Smith, desperate to avoid working on his family's farm, accidentally starts a cult religion in rural 19th century New York.

KINTSUGI by Lisa Sanaye Dring

Drama

When their mother dies, three vastly different third-generation Japanese Americans must come together to save the acclaimed family restaurant.

KOSHER NOSTRA by Gracie Marcellus

Coming-of-Age | Crime | Drama | Teen

A teenage girl coming-of-age in the middle of nowhere gets a job working for a deli which is a front for the Jewish mob so she can save money for college.

LADY DEATH by Lindsay Grossman

Comedy | Fantasy | Horror | Teen | Supernatural

A 16-year-old banshee sent to deliver a message of death to a classmate is blindsided by the inexplicable bond she feels with him and decides to save him instead.

LEATHERETTE by Michael KY Yip

Crime | Drama

The new creative director of Hermès is forced into making counterfeit bags for the Chinese Triad to pay off her mother's gambling debt.

LITTLE HELPERS by Jacob S. Wydra

Comedy | Fantasy

A group of overworked elves conspire to keep Santa's death by accidental autoerotic asphyxiation a secret so they can finally call the shots and run the North Pole their way.

LOST SOULS by Reagan Kai

Horror | Supernatural | Teen

An ordinary teenage girl sees the ghost of her late mother's best friend at her new boarding school and sets out to help her cross over by solving her mother's murder.

MALWARE by Michael Deigh

Sci-Fi | Thriller

In the late 21st century, after memory implants that allow for perfect recall have become commonplace, two rebellious "exorcists" work outside the law to purge malignant computer viruses from their clients' own minds.

MARYAM P.I. by Zack Siddiqui

Drama | Fantasy

An intrepid private investigator with just weeks to go before her wedding stumbles upon a mystical jinn cartel that's trafficking children, and she must decide whether to turn a blind eye or take up the fight and risk losing everything she loves along the way.

MASAMBA by Xavier Griffin

Drama | Period

An African prince has to decide whether to take on the leadership of his tribe even if it means leaving behind the woman that he loves, but a Portuguese slaver advancing on the tribe threatens to destroy everything.

MOTHER MARY by Emily-Anne Mikos

Biopic | Drama | Period

Only years before she writes Frankenstein, teenager Mary Shelley discovers dark secrets about the mother she never knew and begins to find fiction and fact blurring together as she follows down her mother's path of rebellion.

MYSTIC by Cody Ashford and Eric Vue

Horror | Supernatural | Teen

After his grandmother passes, a Hmong American teen reluctantly takes up her mantle as a mystic who must help the restless dead and maintain balance of the spiritual world.

NANNIES OF BELLE MEADE by Jessica Walter

Comedy | Mystery

Three nannies in a wealthy suburb take matters into their own hands when they believe one of their cohort has been killed by her employers, entangling them in the cover-up of a murder that exposes life-threatening secrets about the town they work in, the families they work for, and each other.

NEW CHAPTER by Ryan Manns and Jocelyn Manns

Animation | Comedy | Fantasy | Teen

A lonely teenager tries to summon the hero from her favorite book series into the real world, but she gets more than she bargained for when the villain shows up instead.

NO COUNTRY by Sean Barth

Drama | Thriller

With a rise in violent extremism and white nationalism in the country, an unassuming FBI agent returns to his rural hometown with his family in tow in order to infiltrate a growing militia.

NO ONE WANTS US by Yagmur Tok

Comedy

A Turkish immigrant desperate to stay in the United States when her visa is denied decides to marry her slacker ex-boyfriend, launching her into a twisted version of the American Dream.

NO WAY OUT by Jason Francisco

Comedy

When a struggling college dropout fakes her death to avoid her student loans, she unwittingly transfers that debt to her estranged sister and has to figure out how to pay it off and make amends.

OFF THE RACK by Pilar Gibson

Drama | Period

An aspiring Black fashion designer in the 1970s decides to work under a pseudonym in hopes of getting the wealthy and influential people of New York to wear her designs.

OVER THE HILL by Ashley Hiller

Comedy

Two single women in their 60s move to Los Angeles with the goal of becoming Hollywood stars.

PALMER ISLAND by Bianca J. Ursillo

Mystery | Supernatural | Teen

A teenager investigating the mysterious circumstances surrounding a train crash that happened in his town two decades earlier discovers that the spirits of the victims are coming back to possess the townspeople.

PASTOR KAMAL by Navid Mehrjou

Comedy

The head of a struggling megachurch hires a charismatic Muslim man with immigration problems to pretend to be a converted Christian and serve as the church's newest preacher.

POLE MOLES by David Morris

Comedy

A mother looking to connect with her depressed adult gay son signs them both up for pole dancing classes.

PRIVATE DI by Alex May

Comedy | Mystery

After getting scammed out of \$20,000, a newly retired school principal takes matters into her own hands to find the criminals responsible and stumbles upon a second career as a private investigator in the process.

PROVIDENCE by Amanda Mercedes

Drama | Period

In the 1960s, a social worker with no other options accepts a job at a maternity home which takes children from desperate single mothers and sells them for profit — the same facility where she gave up a child as a teenager.

PULP PAPER NIGHTMARES by Ashley McCann

Drama | Period

A female comic book artist fights to make a name for herself in a male-dominated industry amidst family drama and growing political turmoil in the 1950s.

REBRANDED by Caro Ribeiro

Comedy | Drama | Teen

A working-class teen starts a business helping her wealthy, prep school classmates rebrand their image after she anonymously exposes their dark secrets.

RMS WINDEL by Sierra Sands

Drama | Mystery | Period

At the outset of WWII, top secret documents go missing on a luxury ocean liner, endangering the lives of the passengers and crew and threatening to change the course of the war.

SAFE WORDS by Molly Brady

Drama

A woman struggling to move past a sexual assault looks to the world of BDSM to help her feel more in control.

SAGE CANYON by Justine Ferrara

Drama | Period | Western

After the mysterious death of her husband, a widow moves west to inherit his land, but finds that the residents of her new home will not let her claim it without a fight.

SEVEN SEAS by Jordan Goodman

Adventure | Fantasy | Period

A female pirate captain sets off on an adventure to find a long lost map to a treasure believed to give whoever has it control over the entire Seven Seas.

SHADOWLINK by Alana Grace

Sci-Fi | Thriller

In a futuristic, dystopian California, seventy-two girls are kidnapped from a state-run school to be experimented on by a sinister crime syndicate, and their working-class families have to fight for attention and resources to get them back.

SICK BITCH by Julianne Fox

Comedy

A young woman scraping by in Los Angeles tries to avoid the responsibility of dealing with her Cystic Fibrosis.

SINGLE A.F. by Tosin Morohunfola

Comedy

A second generation Nigerian American photographer is blindsided by his family trying to force him into an arranged marriage on his 30th birthday.

SOJOURNING by Lamar Legend

Comedy | Drama | Period

A queer brother and sister plot to escape a Texas plantation in the aftermath of Juneteenth 1865, accompanied by a documentarian from the future.

SORTA RICAN by Jorge Thomson

Comedy

After an indulgent birthday trip to Puerto Rico gone wrong, the spoiled son of a politician has to stay behind and work at his uncle's rum distillery, helping to bring the family business into the 21st century.

SOUL SAMURAI by Dennis James Clarke

Action | Comedy | Horror | Sci-Fi | Supernatural

A samurai navigating her way through a futuristic Los Angeles makes a living hunting out-of-control demons while coming to terms with the fact that she is half-demon herself.

SPITFIRE by Bridget Visser

Drama | Mystery | Period

In the mid-1930s, a fast-talking reporter has been exiled to the obits after an embarrassing public misstep ruined her reputation, but when she uncovers a tantalizing city-wide conspiracy, she defies her editor and chases the story — no matter what danger the truth may put her in.

STORMÉ by John Lowe

Biopic | Crime | Drama | LGBTQ | Period

The true story of a Black trans security guard who protected members of the gay nightlife community from the mafia who owned every Manhattan gay bar in the 1960s.

THE CASES OF MYSTERY LANE by Joel Dovev and Margaux Frolley

Comedy | Crime | Drama | Mystery

In order to save their struggling marriage, a private detective and his lawyer wife begin solving mysteries together after investigating a murder at her law firm.

THE CONTROL by Matt Schultz

Comedy | Dark Comedy

A former employee for a shadowy CIA human experimentation program wakes up in the middle of nowhere with a tranquilizer dart in her neck. As she sets out for answers, she finds herself on a slippery slope even further down the rabbit hole.

THE FIX by Heath Woodlief

Drama | Sports

A low-ranked professional tennis player struggling to make ends meet agrees to participate in illegal match fixing in order to continue her career.

THE HALF LIFE OF AZIM & JULIE by Aleem Hossain

Coming-of-Age | Drama | Fantasy

Two mixed-race Bangladeshi American siblings find that the trauma of living in America during the Gulf War and 9/11 manifests into unusual supernatural abilities.

THE INK-SHIFTER by Lisa Tuholski

Animation | Fantasy | Teen

In a world of people with magical powers, a teen girl discovers that she has the unique ability to bring her drawings to life, fulfilling a prophecy that will help her people stop an evil society from controlling all of existence.

THE MAN IN THE BROWN SUIT by Elizabeth Ditty

Drama | Mystery | Period

When a woman desperate for adventure witnesses a suspicious death, she makes it her mission to find the killer, no matter what the cost. Based on the novel by Agatha Christie.

THE REPLACEMENT by Nick Job

Drama

A boy who is frustrated with the foster system decides to pose as a missing child in order to infiltrate a wealthy family, but his plan deteriorates as his new mother becomes increasingly unstable and a state investigator pokes holes in his abduction story.

THE SECRET LIFE OF SAMIRA SEN by Minoti Vaishnav

Crime | Drama | Period

In Victorian London, an Indian maid working for a wealthy noble family moonlights as an amateur detective, keeping crime in check while pursuing the one culprit that continues to elude her... Jack the Ripper.

THE SEVERAL GHOSTS OF FANTABULOUS LAND by Thomas Bell

Animation | Comedy | Fantasy | Family | Supernatural

When a young boy's family inherits their eccentric uncle's run-down amusement park, his attempts to overcome his fear of rollercoasters are derailed when he discovers the park is filled with ghosts.

THE SQUIRE by DaManuel Richardson

Drama | Period

A Liberian rebel resisting US colonialism in the 1860s embarks upon a dangerous mission to the American South in order to find the son who was taken by slave traders decades earlier.

THE TAKING OF LINCOLN HOSPITAL by Karina Hurtado

Drama | Period | True

In the 1970s, a group of Puerto Rican activists takes over a hospital in the South Bronx to protest the terrible conditions that have resulted in the deaths of countless Black and Brown patients.

THERE ARE NO BLACK PEOPLE IN SPACE by Anthony Thompson

Sci-Fi

As the Earth becomes inhospitable, a crew of Black inmates is forced to build a habitable colony on Mars, where they face prejudice and unsafe conditions.

THICK SKIN by Robert Axelrod

Drama

A multi-generational Jewish family deals with the ups and downs of running a tattoo parlor in Downtown Chicago.

TINO 99 by Byron Qiao

Crime | Drama

In the midst of financial struggles, a Chinese American family living in Cupertino, California in 1999 gets involved in the illegal arms trade.

TRAIL RUNS COLD by Steve Robillard

Drama | Mystery | Sports

When a professional sled dog racer finds her champion canine dead, she suspects foul play and begins an investigation that reveals dark truths about the high stakes sport, her competitors, and herself.

TRASHED by Rachel Van Nes

Comedy | Sci-Fi

A troubled woman travels back in time to the 90s where she takes a job as a guidance counselor at her high school and pushes her teenage self to emancipate from their narcissistic mother.

TRIPLE NET by Louisa Kendrick Burton

Drama

A Black woman fights to the top of her white male-dominated real estate firm while investigating a plot to kill her father.

TRUE NORTH by Hope Tarr and Raj Moorjani

Crime | Drama | Thriller

A North Korean surgeon flees to the United States with his pregnant wife where he takes up work as a valet and personal doctor for a dangerous crime boss.

UNDERTAKEN by Jamie Severson

Crime | Dark Comedy | Drama

On the brink of financial collapse, the eccentric matriarch of a 1960s funeral home resorts to violent and unscrupulous methods to keep the family business afloat.

US AGAINST THE WORLD(S) by Ross Buran

Comedy | Sci-Fi

A woman who is convinced she was abducted by aliens as a kid teams up with her roommate and her roommate's one-night stand to track down the truth — and the boy who was abducted alongside her who she is pretty convinced is the love of her life.

VOICE by Kayla Rundquist

Drama | Mystery

A deaf young man is reunited with his family after an eight-year disappearance, but the dark secrets he harbors as to the nature of his abduction threaten his ability to rebuild the relationships he lost in childhood.

WALK AND ROLL by Lesley Hennen

Comedy | Family

A popular 9-year-old with leg braces faces a rude awakening when a new classmate with a wheelchair starts getting all the attention.

WHAT'S GRANDDAD by Ivy Johnson

Comedy | Dark Comedy | Horror

When a woman discovers an evil ghoul living in her home, everyone she knows insists the monster is a beloved fixture of the household, setting her on a mission to rid her family of this sinister presence before the rest of the world convinces her — rightly or wrongly — that it's all in her head.

WHISKY CHARLIE TWO by Harriet O'Neill

Drama | Period | War

At the height of The Blitz, a volunteer ambulance worker fights to rescue victims of German bombing raids while navigating the complexities of her personal life.

WHO IS MONICA STRANGE? by Andrea Shawcross

Drama | Mystery | Teen

Desperate to uncover the truth about her father's disappearance, a true crime-obsessed teen moves to a secretive small town where she teams up with a savvy local lifeguard to find a missing girl.

WILD FORENSICS by Bill Watson and Emma Hamilton

Action | Crime | Drama

A team of maverick scientists form America's first wildlife forensics lab to solve crimes and mysteries involving the world's deadliest and most intriguing animals.

WINGWOMAN by Amber Brown

Drama

A Black female pilot fights against the misogyny and racism in her industry while trying to juggle a relationship with one of her coworkers and her teenage daughter's drug addiction.

YESTERDAY NEVER ENDS by Patrick Chen

Crime | Drama

After his brother's murder, a disgraced former triad member is pulled back into the middle of an international turf war as he tries to track down the killers and protect his orphaned nephew.
