

Agent: Peter MacFarlane

## **DENISE DEEGAN**

### **WRITER**

*Denise is an award-winning Irish screenwriter and novelist drawn to strong, flawed female characters who grow personally through crisis. Denise has been a nurse, china restorer, pharmaceutical sales rep, PR professional, entrepreneur and college lecturer before turning to fiction. Her novels have been published by Penguin Random House, Hachette and Lake Union Publishing, and translated into German, Dutch and Turkish.*

*In 2019, Denise was awarded a bursary from Creative Ireland to study screenwriting, since then Denise has won several awards for her scripts. Most recently, Denise won the 2022 Pitch Film fund for *THE INNKEEPER* and the 2021 Screen Ireland Screenplay Development Fund for *AND FOR YOUR INFORMATION*.*

### **FEATURE**

#### **AND FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**YA Drama - Feature**

*Adapted from Denise's YA novel*

*Awarded Screen Ireland Screenplay Development Fund: 2021*

When an idealistic teenager is caught shoplifting and has to do community service, she falls for an angry boy whose days are numbered.

#### **TOUGH OLD BROAD**

**Dramedy - Feature**

*Part of Screen Ireland Spotlight Scheme: 2020*

*Winner "Raindance Pitching Competition: Jan 2021"*

*Finalist "Austin Film Festival Pitching Competition: 2021" & Second Round "Austin Film Festival Screenplay Competition"*

*Filmarket Hub & WScripted Excellent Scripts of 2021*

*Semi-finalist "Final Draft's Big Break Competition: 2021"*

When a rebellious care home resident takes on the bully of a mute teenage volunteer, the ensuing battle teaches her to give up the fight for her dying husband.

### **SHORT FILM**

#### **THE INNKEEPER**

**Dramedy - Short Film about homelessness**

*In Development with Reel Issues Films*

*Winner "The Pitch Film Fund: 2022"*

When a spirited seven-year-old is cast as the innkeeper in the nativity play, she struggles to refuse Mary and Joseph a room.

#### **3 DOWN**

**Dramedy - Short**

*Winner, Shedunnit Short Script Competition at WOFFF20*

*Finalist, Catalyst International Film Festival Screenplay Award: 2022*

A rule-breaking care home resident uses Covid lockdown to help a mute teenager to find her voice, risking their friendship and her only way of communicating with the outside world.

**WHALE SONG**

**Dramedy** – Live Action

*Semi-finalist, "ScreenCraft Film"*

*Shortlisted, First Frames, DLR Arts Office.*

*Top 25, Roadmap Writers Shorts Competition, 2021.*

A whale inspires a young teen to overcome social anxiety.

**TV**

**KILLFLUENCERS**

**YA Thriller** – TV

*Screen Skills Ireland mentorship scheme*

When an ambitious Irish teen YouTuber gets selected for an international Reality TV show for young influencers, she discovers that, instead of being voted off, contestants are being murdered for entertainment on the Dark Web.

**RADIO**

**THE LAST PTA MEETING**

**Dramedy** – Radio Play

*Winner, The Little Wonder Radio Plays Competition: 2020*