David Nicholls

Writer

David Nicholls is a British novelist and screenwriter. His TV credits include the third series of Cold Feet, Rescue Me, and I Saw You, as well as a much-praised modern version of Much Ado About Nothing and an adaptation of Tess of the d'Urbervilles, both for BBC TV. David has continued to write for film and TV as well as writing novels, and he has been nominated for four BAFTA awards. For Patrick Melrose, a five-part television series based on Edward St Aubyn's novels, he received a nomination for the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Writing for a Limited Series, Movie, or Dramatic Special. David's bestselling first novel, Starter for Ten, was selected for the Richard and Judy Book Club in 2004, and David has written the screenplays for film versions of both Starter for Ten (released in 2006, starring James McAvoy) and The Understudy. David Nicholls' third novel, One Day, was published in hardback in 2009 to extraordinary critical acclaim, and stayed in the Sunday Times top ten bestseller list for ten weeks on publication. It has since gone on to sell over five million copies and has been translated into forty languages. One Day won the 2010 Galaxy Book of the Year Award. David wrote the screenplay for Lone Scherfig's film adaptation starring Jim Sturgess and Anne Hathaway, which was released in 2010. In 2024, a 14-part Netflix adaptation premiered starring Leo Woodall and Ambika Mod, reaching the top ten in 89 countries and garnering widespread acclaim. David is currently adapting his latest novel You Are Here-and Sue Townsend's beloved children's book The Secret Adrian Mole, Aged 13¾, both for the BBC.

FEATURE FILM

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2015	FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD	BBC / DNA Films	
2012	GREAT EXPECTATIONS	Number 9 Films / UKFC	Dir. Mike Newell
2011	ONE DAY	Focus Features	Adapted from David's own novel Dir. Lone Scherfig Starring Anne Hathaway and Jim Sturgess
2007	AND WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE YOUR FATHER?	FIlm Four / UKFC / Number 9 Films	Film adaptation of Blake Morrison's memoir
2006	STARTER FOR TEN	BBC / HBO / Playtone	Starring James McAvoy
1999	SIMPATICO (Co-Writer)	Emotion Pictures / Canal +	Co-written with Matthew Warchus, adapted from the play by Sam Shepard Starring Jeff Bridges, Sharon Stone, Nick Nolte and Albert Finney

TELEVISION

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2026	YOU ARE HERE	BBC One / Element	8 x 30' adaptation of David's novel of the same title Directed by Lenny Abrahamson Starring Claire Foy, Matthew Macfadyen
2026	THE SECRET DIARY OF ADRIAN MOLE, AGED 13¾	BBC One / Big Talk	9 x 30' adaptation of Sue Townsend's novel of the same name
2024	ONE DAY	Drama Republic / Netflix	14 x 30' adaptation of David's novel of the same title
2020	US	Drama Republic / BBC One	4 x 60' adaptation of David's novel of the same title
2017	PATRICK MELROSE	Rachael Horovitz / Sky Atlantic	5 x 60' adapation of the Edward St Aubyn novels Prod. Rachael Horovitz
2013	7.39	Carnival / BBC	2 x 60' original drama
2008	TESS OF THE D'URBERVILLES	BBC	Four-part adaptation
2007	AFTERSUN	BBC	A single drama Comedy Playhouse Based on a play for the Old Vic New Voice charity night
2006	MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING	BBC 1	A loose adaptation of Shakespeare's play
2002	RESCUE ME	BBC 1	A six-part comedy-drama
2001	I SAW YOU	ITV	Mini-series
1999	COLD FEET SERIES THREE	ITV (4 Episodes)	Hit series

BOOKS

DATE	PUBLICATION (ROLE)	PROJECT DETAILS
2024	YOU ARE HERE	Fiction
2019	SWEET SORROW	Fiction
2014	US	Fiction
2009	ONE DAY	Fiction Published in hardback in 2009 to extraordinary critical acclaim, and stayed in the Sunday Times top ten bestseller list for ten weeks on publication. It has since gone on to sell over 2 million copies and has been translated into thirty-seven languages Winner of the 2010 Galaxy Book of the Year Award
2005	THE UNDERSTUDY	Fiction Novel Featured on BBC's Pageturners Book Club

2003	STARTER FOR TEN	Fiction Novel
		Featured on Richard and Judy's Book Club