James Roblin

A script editor and drama development executive turned screenwriter, James was commissioned to write an original episode of Chinese language detective series JUDGE DEE'S MYSTERY (now streaming on Netflix). His screenplay THE LAST MAN IN EUROPE, dramatising the last years of George Orwell and the writing of Nineteen Eighty-Four, is in development with The Lighthouse Film and Television Ltd and was named on The Brit List in 2021 after receiving more industry nominations than any other feature script. His contemporary murder mystery SLEEPING LIONS was commissioned by Sky Cinema Originals and is slated for production in 2024.



IN DEVELOPMENT

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2024	SLEEPING LIONS	Atar Studios / Sky Cinema Originals	A contemporary murder mystery based on the Golden Age detective novel An English Murder by Cyril Hare. Feature screenplay commissioned by Sky Cinema, slated for production in 2024.
2024	THE LAST MAN IN EUROPE	The Lighthouse Film and Television Ltd	A feature screenplay dramatising the last years of George Orwell and the writing of Nineteen Eighty-Four, named on The Brit List in 2021.
2024	THE FLOOD	The Lighthouse Film and Television Ltd	A radical reimagining of the Noah's Ark fable. Pilot script and series bible commission.
2024	THE VALE	Atar Studios	An original vampire horror story. Feature screenplay commission.
2024	THE LONG BURN	Freedom Scripted	TV drama about a team of firefighters whose lives are forged and reforged in the heat of trauma. Series treatment & pilot commission.
2024	CANARIES	Slate Entertainment	A limited series, state of the nation thriller. Series treatment optioned.
2024	WHEN I WAKE	Atar Studios	A psychological thriller exploring the dangerous line where the human psyche collides with the fast-shifting frontiers of technology and data science. Series treatment optioned.
2023	HOUSE ON FIRE	Slate Entertainment	Series treatment commission. While a cell of radical activists embark on a campaign to save the world from environmental collapse, an altogether stranger apocalypse draws near
2022	ELECTION!	Slate Entertainment	A political satire dramatising the true story of Martin Bell versus the Hamiltons, based on John Sweeney's non-fiction book Purple Homicide: Fear and Loathing on Knutsford Heath.



TELEVISION

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2016	JUDGE DEE'S MYSTERY	Netflix / 87 Films / Combo Drive Pictures, China	Episode writer & Script Editor Tang Dynasty detective series adapted from the classic novels by Robert van Gulik; created by showrunners Dudi Appleton & Jim Keeble. Released internationally on Netflix in 2024.