

HELEN WALSH SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Author / Writer-Director

Helen Walsh was born in Warrington in 1976. She left school at 16 to go and live in Spain where she penned her first short stories about the characters she met in the seedy underbelly of Barcelona's red light district. On returning to the UK, she went to Liverpool University where she was awarded two scholarships for her writing on pornography and Queer Theory and graduated with First Class Honours.

Her first novel *Brass*, about a female sex addict, was the recipient of a Betty Trask Award and published to great acclaim around the world. Her second novel *Once Upon A Time In England* won the Somerset Maugham Prize. She has written four novels in all, all of which have been published internationally. *The Lemon Grove*, her most recent, was a critically acclaimed best-seller. All of her work touches upon the complexities and ambiguities of female sexuality.

In 2014 Helen wrote and directed her first feature film, *The Violators*, produced by Red Union Films. Helen has been commissioned by Red Union to write and direct another original screenplay titled *White Moth*.