

SAMUEL GARZA BERNSTEIN screenwriter/author/playwright



Sam is a **2018 WGA Inclusion and Equity Honoree** and a **2018 Nominee Best Pilot Script at C21 International Drama Summit in London**. He was born to a Mexican mother (that his family pretended wasn't Latina) and to a Jewish father (that his family pretended wasn't a psychopath). They traveled all over the world, occasionally on the lam—and lived in Cairo, Honolulu, Austin, Phoenix, Albuquerque, New York, Los Angeles, and Ft. Collins, Colorado.

He has worked in multiple tv genres and independent film, but for the last ten years has concentrated on theater and authoring three books. He hopes to get back into tv now, into this changed, exciting environment. Sam and his husband have been together 25 years. They are currently the hostages of three incorrigible dachshunds.

SELECTED WRITING CREDITS (full available at <http://samuelgarzabernstein.com/Credits.pdf>)

BOBBIE'S GIRL (also co-producer) Paramount, Showtime

SHIMMER & SHINE Nickelodeon Productions

W.I.T.C.H. ABC/Disney (two seasons)

JUDGING AMY CBS/20th Century Fox Television

OTHER CREDITS

Theater **MR. CONFIDENTIAL** (book/lyrics) New York Musical Theatre Festival

Indie Film **SILENT LIES** (multiple festival award-winner)

Book **LULU**—a nonfiction novel about Louise Brooks

Book **MR. CONFIDENTIAL**—The true story of the man who invented *Confidential Magazine*

Book **UNCOMMON HEROES**—GLBTQ photo/anthology American Library Association Award Winner

WRITING SAMPLES

One-hour comedy/drama spec: **THE SECRET WORLD OF DANNY RIZIK**

- Sex, war, pop star fantasies, and child snatching – True tales of a precocious Tween in 1970s Texas.

One-hour comedy/drama spec: **WWJD?**

- JC is straight off the cross and in the Bronx, with no idea how or why.

One-hour drama spec: **THE BURNING**

- Soulmates battle an evil spirit—complicated by spontaneous combustion and sexual possession.

Film: **ELEPHANT & CASTLE** Joan Lane/Bill Chamberlain, UK

- A veteran actor on a gritty British soap for 40 years is inspired by a real-life murderess.

AWARDS

THE SECRET WORLD OF DANNY RIZIK: WGA Inclusion and Equity Honoree, Nominee Best Pilot Script, C21 International Drama Summit

ELEPHANT & CASTLE: Best Original Screenplay, London Independent Film Awards; Special Citation, British Independent Film Festival

BOBBIE'S GIRL: GLAAD Nominee Best TV Film; Emmy Nomination Bernadette Peters; *Advocate* Top Ten Television Events of the Year

SILENT LIES: Houston Int'l Film Festival Gold; Charleston International Film Festival Silver

MR. CONFIDENTIAL: Foreword Book of the Year Finalist, Hermes Best Non-Fiction

UNCOMMON HEROES: American Library Association Stonewall Book Award

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