

MERLIN LOVE

SCREENWRITER, NOVELIST, AND FILMMAKER



EDUCATION

BA, English Literature,
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REPRESENTATION

Literary Agent (Novels)

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Screenwriting

Seeking representation.

Filmmaking

Seeking representation.

ACCOLADES AND AWARDS

"NEVER LET ME DOWN" • Screenplay | Feature, Comedy (91 pages)

"Never Let Me Down" is a darkly comedic and introspective journey of Makio Locke, a 28-year-old disillusioned author, who, after discovering his girlfriend's infidelity, embarks on a drug-fueled escapade with his eclectic friends through the streets of San Francisco to Las Vegas. As he grapples with surreal hallucinations and the complexities of heartbreak, Mak confronts his demons and the reality of moving on from a shattered relationship, all set to a backdrop of David Bowie's music and the chaotic energy of youth.

- **Semifinalist, Los Angeles International Screenplay Awards Summer 2023**
- **Finalist, SF Indie Film Fest - San Francisco IndieFest Screenplay Competition 2024**

"WOLF TONE" • Screenplay | Feature, Drama (98 pages)

"Wolf Tone," set in Nazi-occupied Paris and Northern France, Jean Lucelle, a gifted violinist torn between his art and survival, navigates a treacherous path of espionage and moral dilemmas. As the war intensifies, Jean's relationships with his fellow musicians and a complex web of love, betrayal, and resistance force him to confront the true cost of his choices in a city under siege before finally fleeing on his bicycle across World War II. Based on a true story.

- **Quarterfinalist, Creative Screenwriting UNIQUE VOICES Screenplay Competition 2024**
- **Quarterfinalist, Los Angeles International Screenplay Awards Spring 2023**

"ECHOIC" • Screenplay | Short, Drama (8 pages)

A seventeen-year-old high school senior named April struggles with the haunting echoic memories of a school shooting, where the vivid sounds of gunshots and screams are etched into her psyche. In a muted world of therapy sessions, April grapples with the traumatic aftermath, seeking solace in the science of sound while confronting the relentless auditory triggers that bring the horror back to life.

- **Honorable Mention, Sound and Vision International Film and Technology Festival, 2020**

"A HOAGIE SHOP ON CHELTENHAM AVENUE" • Short Film by Merlin Love (7 minutes)

A mystical hoagie shop on Cheltenham Avenue in Philadelphia holds a unique power where a bite of a hoagie sends someone twenty-five years into the past to a cherished moment with his father. This fleeting, nostalgic journey, filled with quantum physics and echoes of a bygone era, reveals a poignant connection between food, memory, and the unbreakable bonds of family. This experimental film was written, directed, and edited by Merlin Love and is created entirely from stock footage.

- **Official Selection: Los Angeles International Film Festival's Indie Short Fest, 2020**

AVAILABLE WORKS & SPEC SCRIPTS

"Voting Machine" • Screenplay | Feature, Romantic Comedy / Holiday

When a scrappy New York underdog livestreams his grassroots bid for mayor during a holiday season special election, he butts heads, and hearts, with the cynical journalist covering his campaign.

"The Bridge Protocol" • Screenplay | Feature, Science Fiction

A scientist embarks on an adventure through the complex ribbons of time to find his way back to the moment when he can save his daughter.

"The Tower" • Screenplay | Feature, Science Fiction

A drug-addicted homeless teen is recruited into a secret project using biological implants to weaponize the world's homeless population.

"Mazy Jupiter & The Thirteen" • Novel | Fantasy Adventure, Young Adult

A teenage girl discovers she's descended from aliens who've been on planet Earth for millennia and has to stop one of her fellow aliens from unleashing a plague on the world.

"The Sordid Now" • Novel | Fantasy adventure, New Adult

A young wizard who belongs to a secret race of magic-faring folk deals with heartbreak by violating the laws of his order and taking his friends on an ill-advised romp across the western United States.

"A Supernova Behind My Eyes" • Novel | Non-fiction, Biographical

A long-form letter to my children tells our family history and how those stories, moxie, and experiences can inform their futures.