

DEBORAH LEE SMITH



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EDUCATION

UC Berkeley

Bachelor of Arts: English Lit & Theater

Griffith University

Master's Degree - Arts & Media
Production

PROFILE

DEBORAH LEE SMITH is an Emmy-nominated producer and powerhouse storyteller who founded Pink Boots Productions, a Los Angeles-based production company dedicated to bold, authentic filmmaking.

Her credits include the Hulu feature "Here Awhile" and "Last Three Days" on Paramount+, as well as the acclaimed documentary "Butterfly in the Sky" — a deep dive into the legacy of "Reading Rainbow" that premiered at Tribeca and played at more than 40 festivals worldwide.

Beyond film, Deborah is a passionate mental health advocate and founder of the nonprofit More Than You See, continuing her mission to spark empathy and inspire change through fearless, human storytelling.

WORK EXPERIENCE - SELECTED

Feature Film: *Sell Your House*

Production Company: Pink Boots Productions

Produced documentary film. Worked on project for over three years to help secure financing for the film, run a fundraising campaign, oversaw production, and all post production. CURRENT STATS: Just starting our festival run. Premiering at Santa Barbara Film Festival in 2026. Starting early talks with some distributors.

Short Film: *Glitterbomb*

Production Company: Pink Boots Productions

Produced and starred in short film. Self funded the film and oversaw all areas of pre-production, production, and post production. Job duties included, but not limited to: securing locations, hiring cast and crew, all contract negotiations, overseeing physical production, problem solving, marketing and publicity of the film. CURRENT STATS: About to start our festival run in summer of 2026.

Feature Film: *Butterfly in the Sky*

Production Company: Sidestilt Films

Co-Producer on Documentary film. Oversaw all the travel shoot needs for the film, including over a month of travel in 6 different states. Job duties included, but not limited to: securing locations, hiring crew, booking subjects, contracts, physical production and maintaining a covid-free set. CURRENT STATS: Film played at over 40 festivals worldwide. Premiered at Tribeca and can be found on Netflix.

Feature Film: *Here Awhile*

Production Company: Pink Boots Productions (Under the name Alette Entertainment)

Produced and acted in film starring Anna Camp, Joe Lo Truglio and Steven Strait. Secured funding for the film, managed all areas of pre-production, production and post production including, but not limited to, tax incentives, line producing, payroll, hiring of all cast and crew, marketing and publicity of the film. CURRENT STATS: Film premiered at Napa Valley Film Festival and won Best Film at Omaha Film Festival in 2020. Was on Hulu for 5 years and can now be found on Tubi.

Short Film: *The Force and the Fury*

Production Company: Pink Boots Productions (Under the name Alette Entertainment)

Produced and starred in short film. Assisted with fundraising and oversaw all areas of pre-production, production, and post production. Job duties included, but not limited to: designing costumes, finding locations, overseeing physical production, problem solving, marketing and publicity of the film. CURRENT STATS: Can be watched on Youtube. Has over 500k views.