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PROFILE

Writer and storyteller with 8 years in theatre and film, and 2 years in the games industry, aiming to craft indelible player experiences through immersive storytelling, gripping lore, and lovable yet flawed characters that stay with you long after the screen goes dark.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Longdue - Indie Game Studio**  09/2024 – present
Writer, Narrative Design
Worked in a team of writers to develop an original story for a narrative-driven isometric RPG. Collaborated closely across departments to deliver documentation and later wrote characters, branching dialogue and worldbuilding elements.
Skills: worldbuilding, character design, branching dialogue, concept development
- Brave At Night - Indie Game Studio**  04/2024 – 12/2024
Quest Writer
Designed 100+ quests for a narrative kingdom management title, *Yes, Your Grace: Snowfall*, set in a medieval fantasy world inspired by Slavic folklore.
Skills: worldbuilding, character concepts, branching dialogue, questlines.
- Kittens in Timespace - Indie Game Studio**  08/2022 – 08/2023
Writer, Localisation
Worked with the narrative lead to deliver cinematic dialogue and character barks for a quirky, humorous 2D platformer, *Kickback Slug: Cosmic Courier*. Assisted in localisation by providing Russian translation for UI elements and other game content.
Skills: cinematics, dialogue, character barks, voice over, translation.
- JTA - World-class Sports PR and IR agency** 04/2021 – 02/2022
Consultant, Copywriter, Translator
Drafted, edited, and delivered speeches, event scripts, and press releases for global sports clients. Developed comms, IR, and PR strategies according to client needs.
Skills: copywriting, comms, strategy, marketing, translation.
- Freelance Creative - Self-employed** 2016 – 2024
Creative Writer, Filmmaker, Producer
Worked on various projects across the media and entertainment industries. Conceptualised, scripted, filmed, and edited video content for commercial clients and indie creators.
Skills: directing, scriptwriting, video editing, social media, lyrics, poetry.

SKILLS

Articy Draft • Unity • Inky • Twine • Jira • Google Tools • Trello • Miro • Adobe Creative Cloud

LANGUAGES

English • Russian • Spanish

COURSES

- Storytelling for The Screen, Scriptwriting** 2021
A Dramatic Improvement
- Game Writing Masterclass I, Game and Interactive Media Design** 2021
The Narrative Department

EDUCATION

- Digital Film Production BA (Hons)** 2015 – 2018
Ravensbourne University
- International Baccalaureate Diploma** 2012 – 2015
ACS Cobham International School