

WG adaptations 1951-2018

(1) *Night Without Stars* (J. Arthur Rank Organisation, 1951)

FEATURE FILM, 82 minutes, directed by Anthony Pelissier, with David Farrar and Nadia Gray. Script by WG, substantially revised by the director, from the author's 1950 novel.



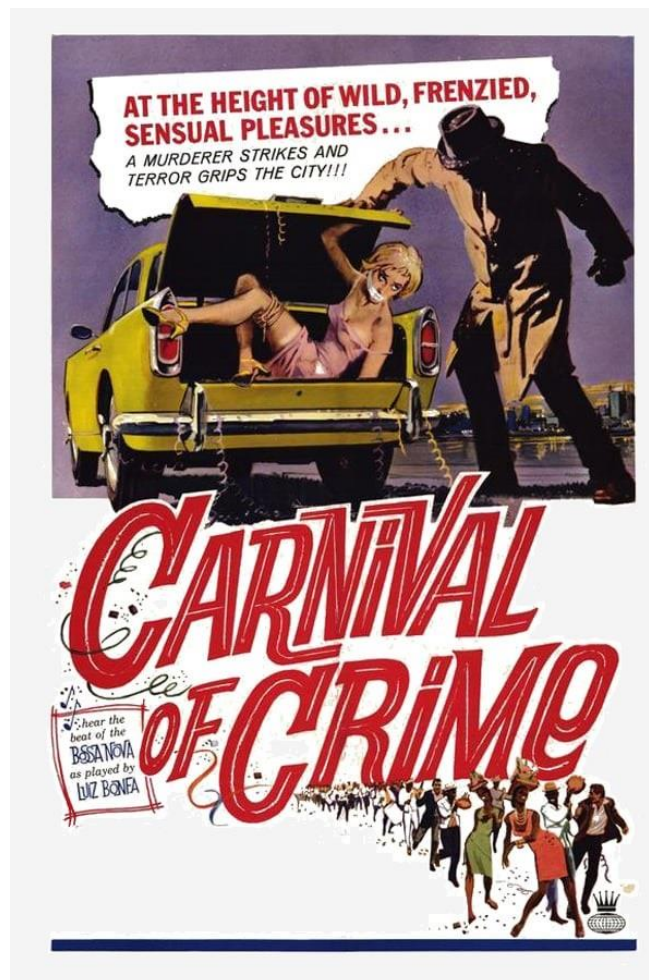
(2) *The Little Walls* (BBC, 1956)

RADIO DRAMATISATION presented on the Light Programme at 20:00 on six consecutive Thursday evenings from 4 October to 8 November 1956. With Godfrey Kenton, Grizelda Hervey, Anne Cullen and Jack May. Other parts by Gladys Spencer, Trevor Martin and Morris Sweden. Episodes titles: (1) Death in Amsterdam, (2) The Clue in Capri, (3) The Recognition, (4) Leonie Explains, (5) Buckingham is Explained, (6) The Reckoning. Produced by Norman Wright. Scripts by Denzil Roberts, from WG's 1955 novel.

(3) *Fortune is a Woman* (Columbia Pictures, 1957)

FEATURE FILM, 95 minutes, directed by Sidney Gilliat, with Jack Hawkins and Arlene Dahl. Released in the USA in 1958 as *She Played With Fire*.

Adaptation of WG's 1952 novel by Val Valentine. Film script by Sidney Gilliat and Frank Launder.



(4) *Carnival of Crime* (Crown International Pictures, 1964)

FEATURE FILM, 90 minutes, directed by George M. Cahan. Also released as *Carnaval del crimen* (Argentina, 1962) and *Sócio de Alcova* (Brazil, 1962).

A free adaptation by Bill Barret of WG's 1956 novel *The Sleeping Partner*.

(5) *Take My Life* (BBC, 1964)

RADIO DRAMATISATION presented on the Home Service at 15:00 on Monday 18 May 1964, with John Bentley, Olive Gregg, Sydney Fleming and Kenneth Hyde. Pianist: Frederick Stone. Producer: Graham Gault.

Truman Reeves' adaptation of an original work "by Winston Graham and Valerie Taylor" suggests that his source material was 1946 film script rather than 1947 novel.



(6) *Marnie* (Universal Pictures, 1964)

FEATURE FILM, 130 minutes, directed by Alfred Hitchcock, with Tippi Hedren in the title role and Sean Connery as Mark.

Script by Jay Presson Allen from WG's 1961 novel.

(7) *The Sleeping Partner* (Anglia Television, 1967)

TELEVISION DRAMATISATION, 80 minutes, directed by John Jacobs.

Presented as the first instalment of ITV's *Summer Playhouse* season on 3 July 1967, with Keith Michell (below, with Barbara Shelley), Francis Matthews and Peter Jeffrey. Script written by Patricia Highsmith and Anthony Steven and edited by John Rosenberg; from WG's 1956 novel.



(8) *Mord nach der Oper* (WDR, 1969)

A 90-minute German **TELEVISION FILM** adaptation of WG's 1947 novel *Take My Life*. Screened in Hungary in 1971 as *Gyilkosság opera után* (both the German and Hungarian titles translate as *Murder After The Opera*).

Directed by Michael Braun; teleplay by Dr. Helmut Pigge.

(9) *The Walking Stick* (MGM, 1970)

FEATURE FILM, 97 minutes, directed by Eric Till.

With David Hemmings and Samantha Eggar. Screenplay by George Bluestone from WG's 1967 novel.

(10) *The Tumbled House* (BBC, 1971)

A 90-minute **RADIO DRAMATISATION**, in Radio 4's *Saturday Night Theatre* slot at 20:30 on 13 March 1971, with a repeat two days later at 15:00.

With Gary Watson. Freely adapted from WG's 1959 novel by Val Gielgud. Producer: Betty Davies.

(11) *The Japanese Girl* (BBC, 1974)

A 45-minute **RADIO DRAMATISATION**, presented on Radio 4 at 20:15 on Wednesday 29 May 1974 and repeated the following day at 15:05. Produced by John Theocharis and scripted by Geoffrey Matthews from WG's 1971 short story.

(12) *Marnie* (BBC, 1975)

A 90-minute **RADIO DRAMATISATION** (the first of two – see also (19) below) presented in Radio 4's *Saturday Night Theatre* slot at 20:30 on 20 September 1975. Adapted for radio by John Kirkmorris from WG's 1961 novel with Julie Hallam in the title role, Michael Spice as Mark and Christopher Bidmead as Terry. Producer: Richard Wortley.

(13) *Poldark* (London Films in association with the BBC, 1975-6)

On BBC One at 19:25 on Sunday evenings from 5 October 1975 to 18 January 1976, a sixteen-part **TELEVISION DRAMATISATION** of WG's first four *Poldark* novels starring Robin Ellis and Angharad Rees (both below) with Ralph Bates,

Jill Townsend and Clive Francis. Writers: Jack Pulman (episodes 1-4, from *Ross Poldark*), Paul Wheeler (episodes 5-8, from *Demelza*), Peter Draper (episodes 9-12, from *Jeremy Poldark*) and Jack Russell (episodes 13-16, from *Warleggan*). Script editor Simon Masters. Directors: Christopher Barry (1-4), Paul Annett (5-8 and 13-16) and Kenneth Ives (9-12).



(14) *Poldark* (London Films in association with the BBC, 1977)

On BBC One at 19:15 from Sunday 11 September to Sunday 4 December 1977, a thirteen-part **TELEVISION DRAMATISATION** of the fifth, sixth and seventh Poldark novels. Writers: Alexander Baron (episodes 1-5, from *The Black Moon*), John Wiles (episodes 6-9, from *The Four Swans*) and Martin Worth (episodes 10-13, from *The Angry Tide*). Directors: Philip Dudley (1-5 and 10-13) and Roger Jenkins (6-9).

(15) *The Forgotten Story* (HTV, 1983)

On the UK's Independent Television Network at 17:30 from Sunday 9 January to Sunday 13 February 1983, a **TELEVISION DRAMATISATION** in six 25-minute episodes. Adapted by Arden Winch (*Colditz*, *Wings*, *Blood Money*) from WG's 1945 novel and directed by John Jacobs (see also (7) above). With Angharad Rees and Van Johnson.

(16) *The Little Walls* (BBC, 1991)

On Radio 4 at 14:30 on Saturday 2 November 1991, with a repeat broadcast two days later at 14:00, a 90-minute **RADIO DRAMATISATION** of WG's award-winning 1955 novel. With Eric Allen, Ronald Herdman, Siriol Jenkins, Cassie McFarlane, Neil Roberts, David Sinclair, Matthew Sim and Auriol Smith. Written by Juliet Ace and directed by Ned Chaillet.

(17) *Poldark* (HTV, 1996)

First broadcast on the ITV network on 3 October 1996, this 103-minute **TELEVISION FILM** of WG's eighth Poldark novel *The Stranger From The Sea* features John Bowe as Ross and Mel Martin as Demelza. Following its lukewarm critical reception, plans to follow it with adaptations of the three remaining novels of the saga (with *Bella* not yet written) were abandoned. Director: Richard Laxton. Writer: Robin Mukherjee.

(18) *Marnie* (Sean O'Connor, 2001)

Written (for a cast of just five adults and one child) and directed by Sean O'Connor, *Marnie* the **STAGE PLAY** premiered at Basingstoke's Haymarket Theatre on 16 January 2001, where it ran until 3 February before transferring to Chester's Gateway Theatre. From WG's novel.

(19) *Marnie* (BBC, 2011)

On Radio 4 at 14:30 on Saturday 27 August 2011, a 60-minute **RADIO DRAMATISATION** by Shaun McKenna of WG's 1961 novel, with Jade Williams in the title role. Directed by Marion Nancarrow.

(20) *Poldark* (Mammoth Screen, 2015)

On BBC One at 21:00 from Sunday 8 March to Sunday 26 April 2015, a **TELEVISION DRAMATISATION** in eight parts of the first two Poldark novels (*Ross Poldark* and *Demelza*) with Aidan Turner as Ross and Eleanor Tomlinson as

Demelza. Directors: Ed Bazalgette (episodes 1-4) and William McGregor (5-8).
Scripted by Debbie Horsfield.

(21) *Poldark* (Mammoth Screen, 2016)

On BBC One at 21:00 from Sunday 4 September to Sunday 6 November 2016, a **TELEVISION DRAMATISATION** in ten parts of the third and fourth Poldark novels, *Jeremy Poldark* and *Warleggan*. Directors: Will Sinclair (1-4), Charles Palmer (5-8) and Richard Senior (9-10). Scripted by Debbie Horsfield.



Meet the new Ross ... Robin Ellis and Aidan Turner, Poldark, 2017

(22) *Poldark* (Mammoth Screen, 2017)

On BBC One at 21:00 from Sunday 11 June to Sunday 6 August 2017, a **TELEVISION DRAMATISATION** in nine parts of all of the fifth and part of the sixth Poldark novels (i.e. *The Black Moon* and *The Four Swans*). Directors: Joss Agnew (episodes 1-2 and 6-9) and Stephen Woolfenden (3-5). Scripted by Debbie Horsfield.

(23) *Marnie* (Nico Muhly, 2017)

This fifth *Marnie* adaptation, an **OPERA** by Nico Muhly (below) received its world premiere at London's English National Opera on 18 November 2017 with Sasha Cooke singing the title role, Daniel Okulitch playing Mark and ENO favourite Lesley Garrett as Mrs. Rutland. Director: Michael Mayer.



(24) *Poldark* (Mammoth Screen, 2018)

On BBC One at 21:00 from Sunday 10 June to Sunday 29 July 2018, a **TELEVISION DRAMATISATION** in eight parts of the remainder of the sixth and all of the seventh *Poldark* novels (i.e. *The Four Swans* and *The Angry Tide*). Directors: Joss Agnew (episodes 1-3 and 7-8) and Brian Kelly (4-6). Scripted by Debbie Horsfield.

SUMMARY (to date)

Seventeen novels and one short story have been adapted (the majority more than once) to produce five feature films, two TV films, seven TV drama series and one standalone production, one radio drama serial and six standalone productions, one stage play and one opera.

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