

## ARABELLA WEIR

Writer

Arabella is a comedy writer/performer, columnist and author. Most recently she appeared in the FAST SHOW special on UKTV Gold, the BBC 2 TV series TWO DOORS DOWN and will next be seen in PURE, a new series for Channel 4. Arabella is currently reviving POSH NOSH for television with co-writer Jon Canter as well as touring her own one-woman show, DOES MY MUM LOOM BIG IN THIS?

Arabella has co-written two TV comedy drama series with Eleanor Lawrence, WHITE LACE AND PROMISES, which was developed with ITV Studios, and MUM'S ARMY.

Her co-written, original series POSH NOSH was broadcast on BBC 2 in which Arabella also starred alongside Richard E Grant. In 2009 Arabella (with co-writer Jon Canter) wrote a spin-off radio pilot, AN ENGLISH LIFE, which starred Arabella, Richard E Grant, Joanna Lumley and David Tennant, and was broadcast on Radio 2.

She also developed a BBC sitcom to star David Tennant called GOODBYE YELLOW BRICK ROAD, and a pilot script, PRIVATE DICK, for BBC to star Richard Wilson.

She was a regular writer/performer in BBC 2's THE FAST SHOW, which includes Arabella's character 'Insecure Woman', with the catchphrase, 'Does My Bum Look Big In This?'. Insecure Woman provided the impetus for the internationally best-selling book DOES MY BUM LOOK BIG IN THIS? published by Hodder and Stoughton in 1997. Arabella's second novel ONWARDS AND UPWARDS was published in September 1999 by Hamish Hamilton. The novel follows three best friends from their first day at secondary school through the ups and downs of life as they hurtle towards the dreaded forty. Her third book, STUPID CUPID was published in April 2002, and Arabella subsequently adapted it as a feature film for Scorpio Films. Her fourth novel, THE REAL ME IS THIN was published by HarperCollins in September 2010 and she has a new young adult book on the way which is due to be published later in the year.

Other television credits include THE ALL NEW ALEXEI SAYLE SHOW for the BBC. Arabella wrote and performed with Alexei a double act of two lesbians who run a bike shop called MENSTRUAL CYCLES. She was also a regular contributor to the GRUMPY OLD WOMEN series, and appeared as Michelle's mum in E4's Skins.

Arabella also regularly contributes to BBC Radio Light Entertainment and writes for publications such as Vogue, Cosmopolitan, Esquire, GQ, Essentials, the Independent, the Independent on Sunday and The Guardian, G2 and The Guardian Weekend Magazine.

Arabella's performing CV is available on request.

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