

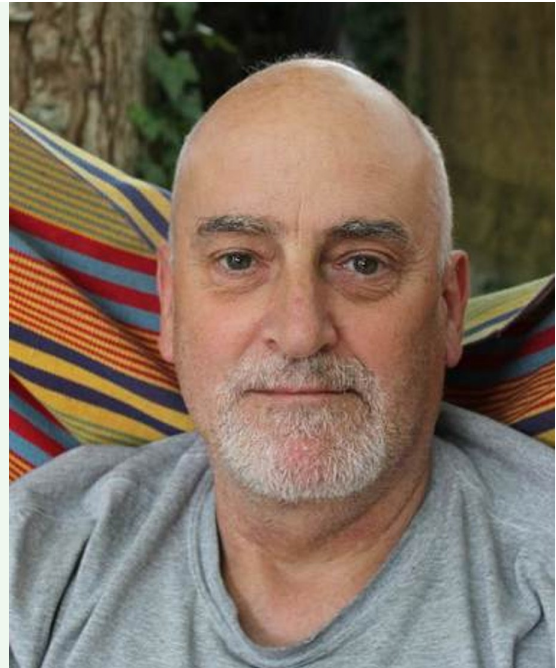
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Mr Lucky

Nigel Bray — writer, actor and director

A candid memoir of a gay life lived through changing Britain — and three screenplays drawn from the same extraordinary story.

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THE STORY IN ONE LINE

Explicit, funny, heartbreaking and true: one man's journey from Cornwall to London, through loss and survival, and finally towards love and a new life in Spain.

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Interviews · podcasts · readings ·
book clubs

Location
Spain · writing in
English

About Nigel Bray

Short biography

Nigel Bray is an English writer, actor and director, and the author of *Mr Lucky*, a 502-page memoir of a life shaped by Cornwall, London, friendship, queerness, loss and survival. After a 25-year career as a primary-school teacher and decades in theatre, he now lives in Spain with his husband, playwright Simon O’Corra. He has also written three feature screenplays drawn from the same life.

Long biography

Nigel Bray describes himself as an Englishman, writer, sometime director and actor — and as a boyfriend, fiancé, husband and eloper to France and then Spain. Before writing *Mr Lucky*, he spent 25 years as a primary-school teacher, using drama throughout his work, and built a long parallel life on stage as an actor and director, including leading an English-speaking theatre company in Spain.

Written over three years and first published in three parts, *Mr Lucky* became a single 502-page, 177,256-word memoir. Nigel began it as an expiation of personal demons: his father, self-image, queerness, diagnosis, his mother’s death and a long, stealthily abusive relationship. Looking back, he sees it as something more hopeful — evidence that despair is not necessarily the end of the story.

Nigel hopes the book reaches other gay men living through the themes it covers, and helps them believe that their own “Man in the Big Red Shoes” — whatever form hope takes — may still be out there. Today he lives in Spain with Simon, their dog and, in Nigel’s words, “two awful cats,” while continuing to write, perform and speak with readers.

MEDIA FACTS

FACT	DETAIL
Author	Nigel Bray
Book	<i>Mr Lucky</i> — a memoir
Length	502 pages · 177,256 words
Published	2022 · available worldwide through Amazon
Editions	Black & white paperback · full-colour paperback · full-colour hardback
Screenplays	<i>Do Not Go Gentle...</i> · <i>Five Boyfriends and a Funeral</i> · <i>The Man in the Big Red Shoes</i>
Other work	Actor · director · former primary-school teacher
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The work

Mr Lucky

A candid memoir told without a ghostwriter and without tidying up: from a Cornwall childhood and London in 1980 to five boyfriends, nineteen years he would rather forget, and the man in big red shoes who changed everything.

Do Not Go Gentle...

A feature screenplay about friendship, ageing and the people who remain when life changes direction.

Five Boyfriends and a Funeral

A feature screenplay shaped by five relationships — Richard, Rod, Ken, Teddy Edward and John — all doomed before they began.

The Man in the Big Red Shoes

A feature screenplay about the chance encounter that became a way home.

SELECTED READER WORDS

"A beautifully written book with brutal honesty, passion and humour. It made me laugh out loud and cry."

Tanya, U.K. — Amazon

"The funniest, saddest, most joyous, heart wrenching, truthful and ultimately hugely life enhancing autobiography I have read."

A reader — novel format

"Exciting, heartbreaking, raw, blunt, honest. A total roller coaster of emotion."

A reader — Book 3

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