

**SMITA BHIDE**  
Writer/ Director

**CURRENT PROJECTS:**

DARSHAN	Co-writing an Indian thriller for Red Arrow.
THE TANTRIK	Psychological horror feature set in India, in the Marathi language. Originally developed under the DarkLight scheme for Warp X. Currently financing.
KALKI	Feature adaptation of Gore Vidal's 1970's novel KALKI. In early development.

**FILM AND TELEVISION:**

2011/2012	HUNTED	Writer of ep.4 and associate producer of Frank Spotnitz's new action drama, starring Melissa George and Adam Rayner. Kudos/Big Light Productions for BBC and HBO Cinemax.
2010	ANOTHER PLANET	Writer/director of 20 min. short (also taster for The Tantrik) in the Marathi language for Monkey in Heaven Films. Shot in HD. <i>Winner, 'The Golden Lamp Tree for the best short at the International Film Festival of India 2011'</i>
2008	INDIAN WEDDING	Feature screenplay for Harbour Pictures/Fragile Films and UKFC.
2008	THE BLUE TOWER	Writer/ director of low-budget HD thriller for Monkey in Heaven Films and BBC2. <i>Winner, 'Best UK Feature 2008', Raindance Film Festival'</i>
	DESERT FLOWER	Uncredited rewrite for Desert Flower Filmproductions. Adaptation of Waris Dirie's book. Starring Liya Kebede, Sally Hawkins, Meera Syal. Directed by Sherry Hormann.
	QUEEN OF FIRE	Original feature screenplay set in the Asian "mean streets" of North England - a dark thriller about betrayal and redemption.
2004	ANGOLA	Screenplay for Kevin Macdonald/Company Pictures and BBC Films.
2003	ASYLUM	Two x 90 minute drama commissioned by Peter Kosminsky / BBC1.
2002	RAMRAJ	Original screenplay for Monkey In Heaven Films. Developed at the Moonstone International Screen Lab.
2001	CUP AND LIP	Independent short film. Writer / director. <i>Winner, Best Director, Greenwich Film Festival 2001</i>
2000	CARNIVAL	Script commission for BBC TV. Film co-written with Roy Williams.

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1999	PARK STORIES	Independent short film. Writer/director.
	PORTOBELLO ROAD	Script commission for BBC. 2 episodes of new series.
1999	SPICE GIRL	Script commission for 1 hour film for Planet Wild / BBC 1 hour film.
1997/8	CAZ UNDERGROUND	Oxford Film Company for C4. 1 hour TV film Director Peter Webber.
1996	I LOVE MY MUM	Channel 4/BBC 11 min short for Brief Encounter series. Director Alrick Riley

Smita read English Literature at Oxford, and studied screenwriting at the NFTS. For three years she was an advice worker for the women's campaigning group Southall Black Sisters. After that she worked at C4 and Carlton (1989-92) as a researcher and production assistant on the documentaries: 'Banding File', 'On The Other Hand', 'The Provoked Wife' and 'Dilly Down Town'. Smita has also worked as a refuge worker at the West London Women's Aid. In 1994, she founded Monkey In Heaven Films with Jamie Nuttgens. Her short story, 'The Beggar King', has appeared in the anthology, 'Flaming Spirit' (1994, Virago Press). Her novel, *King of Fear*, was published by Mantra Publishing in 1996.