



BIOGRAPHY

JACI STEPHEN

“Jaci Stephen will grow up to be Mae West – if nobody strangles her first.” - Nancy Banks Smith (The Guardian):

Award-winning writer and broadcaster JACI STEPHEN has written for all Britain’s quality newspapers, reviewing TV, film and books and writing general features and columns – all delivered with her unique brand of humour that has earned her a loyal readership.

As TV Critic of the London Evening Standard, Daily Mirror and Mail on Sunday and currently with a weekly television column for the Daily Mail, Jaci has become one of the UK’s best known and respected journalists. Shortlisted three times as Critic of the Year in the British Press Awards, in 1999 Jaci was named Broadcasting Writer of the Year at the prestigious What the Papers Say Awards.

Jaci’s dynamic personality and engaging wit makes her a natural broadcaster and presenter. She spent six years as Film and Television Critic on ITV1’s *This Morning* and recently presented two TV series: *Star Suppers* (UK Food) and *Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner* (ITV1 Wales), a format in which celebrities came to her home to cook for her. The episode featuring actor Sue Johnston was so entertaining, it was shortlisted for a Royal Television Society Award. She also had a weekly spot on *The Alan Titchmarsh Show* (discussing current affairs and TV) and appeared on *Richard and Judy*, as well as guesting in numerous documentaries, most recently *The Trouble with Morse*. Jaci was also the subject of an ITV1 Wales documentary, *The Secret of My Success*, filmed at and around her apartment in Paris.

For radio, Jaci has presented the BBC Wales radio arts show, *Culture Vultures* and made regular appearances on Radio 4’s *Start the Week*.

In 2009 Jaci relocated to Los Angeles, where she continued to write a TV column for the Daily Mail, as well as contributing to other newspapers and magazines. While there, she presented for BBC Radio 2, and her LA-based blog (<http://lanotsoconfidential.blogspot.com>) was published as *Way Out West* in The Independent.

As an author, Jaci was first published in 1984 with *FIRST FICTIONS* (Faber). Her first novel, *DEFINITIONS OF A HORSE* (Hutchinson), was published in 1990. She has just completed the first volume of her brutally frank, yet warmly embracing memoirs – *CRUSHED!* - which chronicles an obsession with a US scriptwriter that led her to relocate to Los Angeles. Now back in her beloved Wales, she is writing *VOLUME 2, SPLOTT TO HOLLYWOOD VIA HAPPY HOUR*,

With writer Robert Green, Jaci is also co-founder of SoS#all Network, which provides social networking marketing and publicity for products, businesses and individuals.