

LESLEY MANUEL

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Published author and screenwriter with 13 completed feature screenplays spanning drama, thriller, horror, sports, fantasy, romantic comedy, family/holiday, animation, crime, and supernatural genres. Published under the pen name CARTER since 2015, with three published works adapted into feature screenplays.

Several original stories have been adapted for the screen in collaboration with award-winning screenwriter, producer, and director Tania Meneguzzi.

Screenwriting honors include Best Sci-Fi Feature at the 2022 Marina del Rey Film Festival and Best Feature Screenplay at the 2024 Palma Film Festival, along with semifinalist, finalist, quarterfinalist, official selection, and honorable mention placements.

SELECTED SCREENPLAYS

CODE SILVER PROTOCOL

Feature | Supernatural Horror / Thriller | Written by Lesley Manuel

A contained hospital thriller blending an active-shooter crisis with an escalating supernatural mystery, grounded in emergency-medicine authenticity.

TIME TO GO

Feature | Sports / Drama / Fantasy | Story by Lesley Manuel | Screenplay by Tania Meneguzzi

- Best Sci-Fi Feature - 2022 Marina del Rey Film Festival
- Best Feature Screenplay - 2024 Palma Film Festival
- Quarterfinalist - 2021 DFF Screenwriting Competition
- Quarterfinalist - 2021 Big Country Film Festival
- Honorable Mention - 2021 Wiki Screenplay Contest
- Honorable Mention - 2021 Get It Made X Screenplay Contest
- Official Selection - 2024 Marina del Rey Film Festival

CATFISHED

Feature | Romantic Comedy / Drama / LGBTQ+ | Story by Lesley Manuel

- Silver Finalist - 2022 LGBTQ Unbordered International Film Festival
- Finalist - 2022 California Women's Film Festival
- Award-Winning Finalist - 2022 WRPN Women's International Film Festival
- Official Selection - 2022 Women's International Film Festival
- Honorable Mention - 2022 Santa Barbara Screenplay Awards, Diverse Writers Outreach
- Official Selection - 2023 Your Way International Film Festival
- Official Selection - 2024 Palma Film Festival

THE TALENT

Feature | Sports Drama | Based on the novel by Lesley Manuel | Screenplay adaptation by Tania Meneguzzi

- Semifinalist - 2018 StoryPros Awards
- Honorable Mention - 2021 Wiki Screenplay Contest
- Honorable Mention - 2021 Get It Made X Screenplay Contest

JACK

Feature | Thriller / Horror / Drama | Based on the novella by Lesley Manuel | Screenplay adaptation by Tania Meneguzzi

- Quarterfinalist - 2019 New York City International Screenplay Awards
- Quarterfinalist - 2019 Miami Screenplay Awards
- Honorable Mention - 2021 Wiki Screenplay Contest
- Honorable Mention - 2021 Get It Made X Screenplay Contest

PAPARAZZO

Feature | Crime / Thriller / Drama | Story by Lesley Manuel | Screenplay by Tania Meneguzzi

- Top 100 - 2021 Table Read My Screenplay Genre Screenplay Competition
- Honorable Mention - 2021 Wiki Screenplay Contest

LEAP 229

Feature | Drama | Story by Lesley Manuel | Screenplay by Tania Meneguzzi

- Honorable Mention - 2021 Wiki Screenplay Contest
- Honorable Mention - 2021 Get It Made X Screenplay Contest

SECLUSION

Feature | Thriller / Drama / Crime | Story by Lesley Manuel | Screenplay by Anne Xu

- Honorable Mention - 2021 Wiki Screenplay Contest

SECLUSION 2: THE REPRISAL

Feature | Thriller / Drama / Crime | Sequel to SECLUSION | Story by Lesley Manuel | Screenplay by Anne Xu

ADDITIONAL FEATURE SCREENPLAYS

TOYMAKER'S CHRISTMAS - Feature | Family / Holiday / Drama | Written by Lesley Manuel

THE SHOW - Feature | Animation / Family | Based on the novella by Lesley Manuel | Screenplay adaptation by Tania Meneguzzi

RIISING FURY - Feature | Thriller / Drama | Story by Lesley Manuel | Screenplay by Tania Meneguzzi

FORCED HAND - Feature | Crime / Thriller | Story by Lesley Manuel

PUBLISHED FICTION

Published since 2015 under the pen name CARTER.

- THE TALENT - Novel
- THE SHOW - Novella
- JACK - Novella