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Doctor Who hires Frank Cottrell Boyce as writer

Novelist who scripted the Olympics opening ceremony says authoring episode for BBC TV sci-fi series has provided him with 'buzz of unlimited possibility'

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'I'd sort of forgotten it wasn't real' ... Doctor Who's current incarnation Peter Capaldi. Photograph: Steve Brown/BBC/Steve Brown

Frank Cottrell Boyce might have written the [Olympics opening ceremony](#) and [won the Carnegie medal](#), but the acclaimed children's novelist has said that nothing compares to the "buzz of unlimited possibility" that follows writing the words: "Interior ... TARDIS".

The author and screenwriter was speaking after being confirmed as the final writer for series eight of the [BBC's classic family series, Doctor Who](#). According to the BBC, Cottrell Boyce's episode will feature a cast of child actors alongside the Doctor, played by Peter Capaldi, including Harley Bird, the voice of Peppa Pig.

"I was flabbergasted to be asked to write an episode – partly because I've been so

absorbed in the last few series that I'd sort of forgotten that it wasn't real," said Cottrell Boyce.

"Of all the thrills that pen and paper have brought into my life, there's nothing that quite compares to the buzz of unlimited possibility that rushes through your fingers and into your brain when you write the words: 'Interior ... TARDIS'."

Cottrell Boyce is the author of the Carnegie medal-winning novel *Millions*, which he adapted into [a film directed by Danny Boyle](#). He also wrote the script for Boyle's spectacular opening ceremony at the London Olympics in 2012, adapted the film *24 Hour Party People* and [won the 2012 Guardian children's fiction prize for his novel *The Unforgotten Coat*](#).

[Doctor Who's](#) lead writer and executive producer Steven Moffat called Cottrell Boyce's script "pure magic", and "everything I could have hoped for from the genius behind the Olympics opening ceremony".

"Doctor Who is born anew in the mind of a genius," added Moffat.

Cottrell Boyce joins other writers for series eight including Mark Gatiss and Gareth Roberts. His episode of the hit television show, which returns to BBC One on 23 August, will be directed by Sheree Folkson and produced by Paul Frift.



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