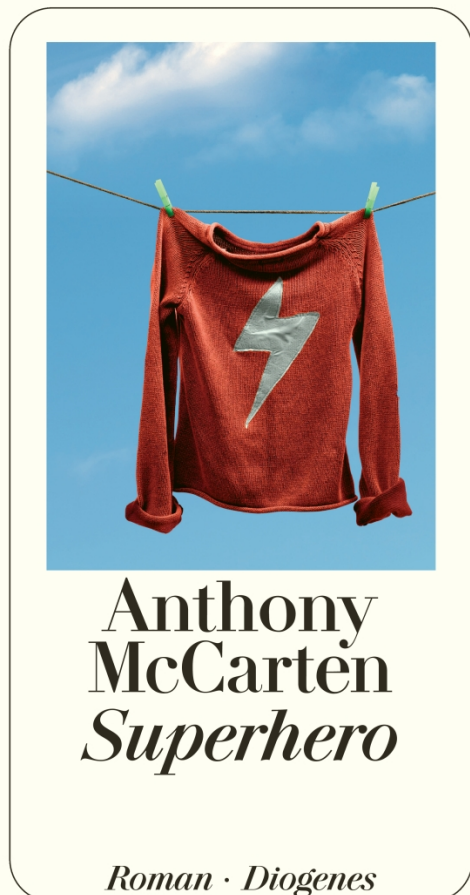


# Diogenes

**Anthony McCarten**  
***Death of a Superhero***

Published by Diogenes as *Superhero*  
Original title: *Death of a Superhero*



## ABOUT THE MOVIE

Anthony McCarten turned his own novel ›*Death of a Superhero*‹ into a script, which is now filmed by Ian FitzGibbon. The German-Irish co-production is featured by Andy Serkis, Thomas Brodie-Sangster, Jessica Schwarz, Michael McElhatton and Sharon Horgan. Production: Bavaria Pictures, Grand Pictures, Picture Circle, Cinemendo. Distribution: NFP. Film opening scheduled for July 2012.

## Book factsheet

Contemporary Literature  
304 pages  
11.6 x 18.4 cm  
March 2007

World rights are handled by Diogenes

### Bestseller

Spiegel Bestseller

### Movie adaptations

#### 2019: *The Two Popes*

Director: Fernando Meirelles  
Screenplay: Anthony McCarten  
Cast: Jonathan Pryce, Anthony Hopkins, Juan Minujin

#### 2011: *Superhero*

Director: Ian FitzGibbon  
Screenplay: Anthony McCarten  
Cast: Andy Serkis, Thomas Brodie-Sangster, Jessica Schwarz, Michael McElhatton und Sharon Horgan

#### 2008: *Show of Hands*

Director: Anthony McCarten  
Screenplay: Anthony McCarten  
Cast: Melanie Lynskey, Craig Hall, Stephen Lovatt

#### 2005: *The English Harem*

Director: Robin Sheppard  
Screenplay: Anthony McCarten  
Cast: Art Malik, Martine McCutcheon, Tom Georgeson, Linda Bassett, John Sessions

### Awards

- 2023 *Going Zero* auf der Shortlist für den ›Wilbur Smith Adventure Writing Prize‹
- 2020 Oscar-Nominierung ›Bestes Drehbuch‹ für *Die zwei Päpste*
- 2018 Oscar-Nominierung ›Bester Film‹ für *Darkest Hour*
- 2015 Oscar-Nominierung ›Bester Film‹ für *The Theory of Everything*
- 2015 ›Bestes adaptiertes Drehbuch‹ für *The Theory of Everything* bei der Verleihung der 68. BAFTA Awards
- 2012 ›Young Generation Award‹ des 6. FSFF (Fünf-Seen-Filmfestival) für die Verfilmung *Am Ende eines viel zu kurzen Tages*
- 2008 ›Jugendbuchpreis‹ der Jury der Jungen Leser (Altersgruppe 15/16) für *Superhero*
- 2007 ›hörBücher Grandios‹-Auszeichnung des Magazins *Hörbücher* für das Hörbuch *Superhero*, gelesen von Rufus Beck
- 2001 ›Molière-Preis‹ für das beste ausländische Stück für *Ladies Night*

### Praise

*Death of a Superhero*



Anthony McCarten, born in New Zealand in 1961, is an award-winning novelist, playwright and screen-writer. He has adapted several of his novels, acclaimed by critics and readers alike, for the big screen. In 2015 he was nominated for two ›Oscars‹ and won two ›BAFTAs‹ for his screenplay *The Theory Of Everything*, starring Eddie Redmayne as Stephen Hawking. His play *Ladies Night* continues to be an international hit. Anthony McCarten divides his time between London and Munich.

### Praise (cont'd)

»Here's a writer with heart and an amazing boldness of invention... There is not a false sentiment or conventional genuflection in this book.« – Timothy Mo

»Written in a completely original format, which flows effortlessly.« – New Zealand Herald, Auckland

»One of New Zealand's most exciting literary exports.« – International Herald Tribune, New York

»Not since Günter Grass' ›Tin Drum‹ has an author depicted the physical hardships of a pubescent so drastically.« – Blick, Zurich

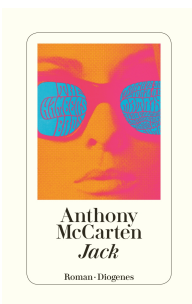
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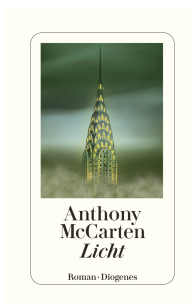
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»Anthony McCarten is surely the most creative author of his generation in New Zealand.« – Günter Keil / Münchner Feuilleton

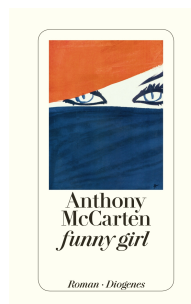
»Anthony McCarten has a knack for great stories, a talent for treating serious subjects with a great deal of wit.« – Antje Deistler / Westdeutscher Rundfunk, Cologne



*American Letters*  
256 pages  
2018



*Brilliance*  
368 pages  
2017

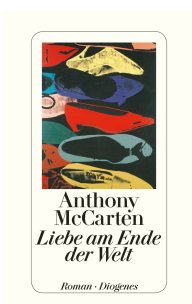


*funny girl*  
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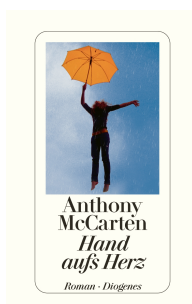
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*In the Absence of Heroes*  
464 pages  
2012



*Spinners*  
368 pages  
2011



*Show of Hands*  
336 pages  
2009

🎬 **Movie Adaptation**



*The English Harem*  
592 pages  
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