

# THE ASSISTANT LIST (A-LIST)



The Best Unrepped Writers on Desks

# 2019

Written by Industry Assistants  
Chosen by Industry Assistants

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## **THE SIDEKICK**

### **EVAN JAMES**

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*Executive Assistant, Television; Platform One Media*

*When his request for a promotion is denied, a faithful sidekick of 15 years rebels against his mentor, causing a rift in the superhero community.*

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## **DUDE RANCH**

### **BEN LOCKMAN & MIKE BLEJER**

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*Coordinator, Feature Production; 20th Century Fox*

*When Tim Lyons discovers his ex-wife (and the only woman he's ever loved) is dating again, he tracks her new boyfriend to a Masculinity-themed sleepaway camp and schemes to destroy him.*

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## **BEACON**

### **NATE RUEGGER**

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*Coordinator; New Wave Entertainment*

*When her wife is abducted by aliens, an ordinary nurse must do the impossible: steal heavily-guarded technology, travel across the universe, and defy an intergalactic order to save her wife. Imagine the sci-fi drama of ARRIVAL with the romance of THE PRINCESS BRIDE.*

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FEATURE



## **HALF FULL** **HANNAH MURPHY**

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*Assistant, Vali Chandrasekaran; 20th Century Fox*

*After losing her job, her boyfriend, and her home in a single day, eternal optimist and Youtube star, Francie Lee, starts "collecting" hardships for a new web-series to prove her positive attitude can fix just about anything.*

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## **COMMUNITY SERVICE** **PAIGE VANTASSELL**

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*Showrunner's Assistant; Team Kaylie*

*When the outspoken, independent, and slightly criminal Frankie Walker begins her mandatory volunteer work at the local community center, she'll find what she never expected – a family, to whom she'll introduce the joyous benefits of lawbreaking.*

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## **ZOE'S AARC** **JACOB WALKER**

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*Assistant to President and Managing Partners; Intellectual Property Group*

*Before NASA ever sent humans to the moon, they sent animals into space. The public was told that these animal astronauts died during these test flights, but that's not the full story. These creatures formed colonies across the solar system and created their own society among the stars. Now at the height of the Cold War, NASA sends a highly-trained Chimpanzee, ZOE, to track down a rogue Soviet space dog.*

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MINUTE**



## VICTORIOSO

PAOLA ANDREA ARIZA

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*VICTORIOSO chronicles a troublemaker's journey into manhood, amidst his family's spiral into financial and emotional turmoil.*

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## THE PIRATE QUEEN

LAURA PUSEY

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*Executive Assistant; Artists First*

*Based on the life of legendary Irish pirate Grace O'Malley, a 16th century noblewoman breaks out of her role as wife and mother when she inherits her father's ships, becoming the most feared pirate in the Gaelic world. When Queen Elizabeth I sets out to conquer Ireland, Grace takes to the seas to fight for her country, her clan, and her freedom.*

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## ANNO DOMINI

MATT MCMANUS

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*Coordinator, TV Business Affairs; Lionsgate*

*When a newly-elected pope vows to purge the Vatican Bank of all corrupt ties, a bodyguard with a questionable past must take proactive steps to protect him from the local mafia.*

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60  
MINUTE

THESE ARE THE HIGHEST RATED SCRIPTS OVERALL THAT DID NOT PLACE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CATEGORIES.

WILD CARD



**MEMBERS ONLY**  
**NICK BROVENDER**

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*Assistant to John Davis; Davis Entertainment*

*In the year 1960, in the wealthy and WASPY suburb of Scarsdale, NY, everyone from low-income works to upper-class members navigate the complex social environment of the Scarsdale Country Club. In comes young Zachary Kramer, who attempts to escort his girlfriend to her debut while keeping a secret that should it get out, would envelop the club, and by extension town, in controversy; he was born a Jew.*

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**DAUGHTERS OF LIBERTY**  
**MADELINE BRESTAL**

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*Showrunner's Assistant; Outlander*

*Inspired by the true but untold stories of history, Daughters of Liberty centers on a young socialite at the dawn of the American Revolution who, despite being an intelligence agent for the Patriots, must keep her status as a Revolutionary under wraps to protect her family who is heavily indebted to the Loyalist community.*

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**The Assistant List showcases the best screenplays and TV pilots written by industry assistants, as voted on by other industry assistants. The competition is run for free with the help of volunteer readers from the assistant community.**

**Scripts are submitted with identifying information removed. All submissions are anonymously read and evaluated by three independent readers. Scripts with the highest average rating across readers make the top 3 in each category — Feature, One-Hour Pilot and Half-Hour Pilot. The highest rated script across all categories that missed the cut-off in its own category is selected as the wildcard.**

**Special thanks to the many assistants who volunteered their time to read.**