

The Actuality by Paul Braddon acquired for adaptation by BBC Studios

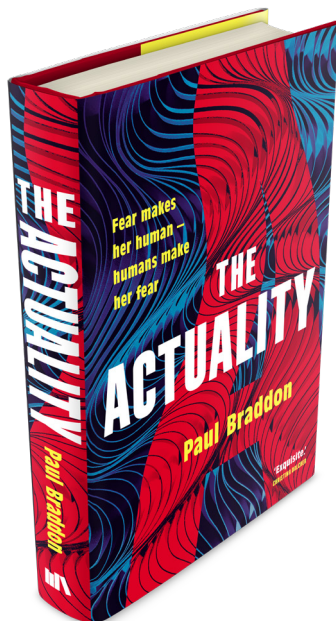
Sandstone Press is proud to announce that BBC Studios have acquired *The Actuality* for adaptation. *The Actuality* is a gripping speculative thriller from a powerful new voice.

At the centre of *The Actuality* is Evie, a near-perfect bio-engineered human. In a broken-down future England where her kind has been outlawed, her 'husband' Matthew keeps her safe but hidden. When her existence is revealed, she must take her chances on the dark and hostile streets where more than one predator is on the hunt.

The Actuality will be published by Sandstone Press in February 2021.

Moira Forsyth, Publishing Director of Sandstone Press, says: 'I'm thrilled that our excitement about this atmospheric and powerful debut novel is shared by the BBC.'

Joanna Swainson, Paul Braddon's agent at Hardman & Swainson, says: 'Paul has created a fascinating near-future world in *The Actuality* and I'm excited to see his complex and nuanced character, Evie, brought to life on the screen.'



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