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**[Bill Brand: The Screenplays by Trevor Griffiths](#)
Spokesman Books, £18**

"Trevor Griffiths is best known for stage plays such as *Thatcher's Children*, *Oi for England* and the recently revived *Comedians*, as well as his screenplays for such films as *Reds* and *Fatherland*. But 30-odd years ago he wrote *Bill Brand*, an ambitious television series broadcast on ITV at peak time – 9pm – in 1976. It starred Jack Shepherd as an idealistic young left-wing MP who finds himself at odds with the pragmatists in a party which wants to hang on to power. *Bill Brand* showed, once again, the ability of this talented political playwright to dramatise the ideological conflicts of the left during those tumultuous years. Here, in all their glory, are his original scripts."

Keith Richmond