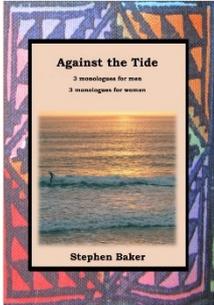


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An anthology of 6 monologues, 3 for men and 3 for women by Stephen Baker.

The author is a huge fan of Alan Bennett's work, having studied *Talking Heads* at A-level.

All the characters in *Against the Tide* are fictitious, reflecting individuals who see situations very differently to mainstream society; and who, due to circumstances, feel isolated and somewhat estranged even from those around them.

Politics features in *Queen of South Faxby* and *Moving with the Times*, and in a previous work, *The Waiting Man*. This no doubt is due to 12 years spent in the political arena of local politics.

Although light hearted, some of the characters lead quite sad existences.

Monologues for Men

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About the author

Stephen Baker hails from Kingston upon Hull and is an alumni of the University of Hull. He served on Hull City Council as an elected member (councillor) for 12 years and is now an Honorary Alderman of the city. Educated in the State School system, he left school in 1975 with no real direction career wise. A love of writing drew him to a BA degree course at the University of Hull, studying as a mature student part-time for six years. He then studied full-time for a Master's degree in Historical Research. A creative writing course soon followed and he felt a real desire to write. This desire has resulted in the publication of this collection of monologues, a single monologue in the TSL *Relationships* compilation, and more to come.



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