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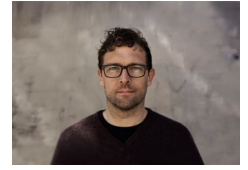
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Bobbie Peers (b. 1974) made his mark on Norwegian film history when he in 2006 won a **Palme d'Or** for his *Sniffer*, written and directed by Peers himself. The award became the first of many milestones in the London International Film School graduate's career as a director and film writer. 2015 witnessed the multi-talented Peers' debut as a children's books author. *William Wenton and the Luridium Thief* is the first book in a forthcoming series featuring the code breaking whizz William.



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