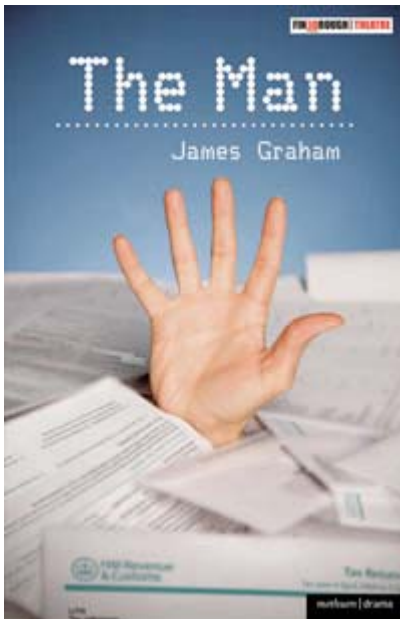


## ~~The Man~~ by James Graham



Tax is really, really taxing for Ben Edwards. Self-employed. And afraid... And now he must face his dreaded self assessment form, with every receipt evoking the good times and the bad – memories of things gone wrong, gone right, the journeys he's been on, the relationships that have begun and ended and the people he has lost. As Ben begins to stitch together the patchwork quilt that was the Tax Year 2009/2010, he relives a year that was both hilarious and tragic, all mixed up in one shoe box of receipts. Award-winning playwright James Graham presents an affectionate and funny portrait of one man's year-long experience, pieced together from receipts, shopping and commercial transactions. With a web of narratives, the play's structure is innovative and flexible. In performance, each receipt triggers a unique story and the actor plucks the receipts from the audience's hands at random.

*The Man* was performed at Finborough Theatre, London, in May 2010.

<b>Genre:</b>	Political Drama	<b>Fee:</b>	£40 plus VAT, per performance
<b>Cast:</b>	m 1 f 1	<b>Length:</b>	Continuous scenes
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### EXTRACT

**Inland Revenue** Hello, HM Revenue and Customs, Lisa speaking.

**Ben** Oh, no it's me again, I'm still on hold.

**Inland Revenue** It's who sorry?

**Ben** Ben.

**Inland Revenue** You've been transferred through to Self Employment.

**Ben** Oh God, sorry, you sounded like the last girl. Woman.

**Inland Revenue** That's ok. How can I help?

**Ben** My tax return, I can't do it.

**Inland Revenue** Can I take your name please?

**Ben** Ben Edwards, 8<sup>th</sup> of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 82, 54D Elmbourne Road, London SW17 1XT / United Kingdom.

**Inland Revenue** Just your name is fine, actually.

**Ben** Ben Edwards.

**Inland Revenue** And what's your tax reference number?

**Ben** I don't know, that's what I'm ringing to find out.

**Inland Revenue** It should be on your Self Assessment form.

**Ben** Well, erm, which one, I've got lots.

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