

## **Burying Your Brother in the Pavement – Jack Thorne**

The night he died – they basically forgot about me. Courtney said she heard Mum crying, and woke then, and came downstairs to find out. But I didn't hear anything. He hadn't come home, I knew that before I went to bed, but I figured he was just with mates, even Mum wasn't worried, so I slept well and slept deep.

Anyway, about 4am. I woke up and I needed a piss, and a glass of milk, so I went downstairs. And Mum was in tears and sitting in the corner of the kitchen on the floor and Courtney was standing crying and Dad was just really, really angry – saying things like 'well, what the hell was doing down there'. And there was a police officer making everyone tea and trying to look unobtrusive and I – was – seeing all this was like – I just – and I didn't know what had happened.