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About the Author

Writer **David Eldridge**'s play *Festen* was a huge success at the Almeida in 2004 and subsequently in the West End. His other work includes *Market Boy* (National Theatre) and *Under the Blue Sky* (Royal Court and West End), which won the Time Out Live Award for Best New Play.

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