

Date of John Hill's passing: December 12, 2017

Hill was an American screenwriter and television producer.

He got his start in Hollywood when he penned the 1976 TV movie *Griffin and Phoenix*, starring Peter Falk and Jill Clayburgh. In 1980 his film *Heartbeeps* was released, starring Andy Kaufman and Bernadette Peters. In 1988, he co-wrote *Little Nikita*, starring Sidney Poitier and River Phoenix.

He wrote the movie *Quigley Down Under* in 1975. It was slated to be filmed in 1980, but when star Steve McQueen became too ill with cancer, it was canceled. It was released finally in 1990, starring Tom Selleck.

He won an Emmy in '91 for his writing on *L.A. Law*

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