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**THIS IS NOT A PITY MEMOIR BY ABI MORGAN  
A READING OF EXTRACTS, Q&A AND BOOK SIGNING  
AT THE ROYAL COURT THEATRE WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 2022**

- Tickets on sale now

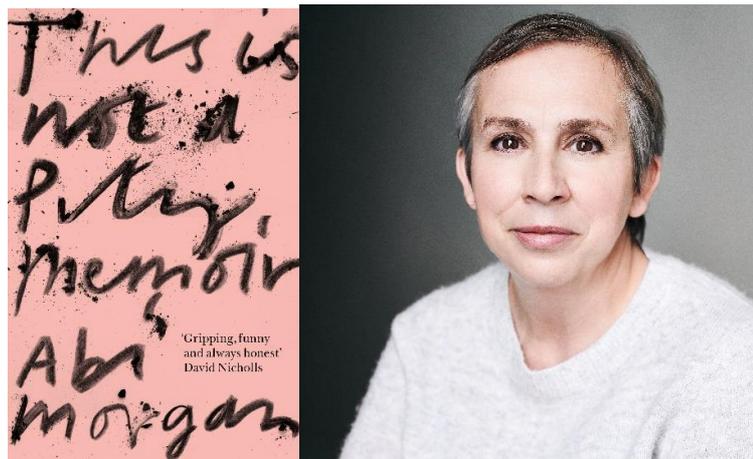


Photo L to R: Front Cover, Abi Morgan

To mark the release of BAFTA and Emmy-award winning screenwriter Abi Morgan's new book, *This Is Not A Pity Memoir*, the Royal Court Theatre will host a reading of extracts followed by a Q&A and book signing on Wednesday 11 May 2022, 6.30pm in the Jerwood Theatre Downstairs.

Extracts from *This Is Not A Pity Memoir*, will be read by actor Fiona Button (Rose Defoe in Abi Morgan's highly acclaimed BBC series, *The Split*). The Q&A will involve a conversation with Abi Morgan and Theresa Dauncey (Chief Executive of The National Brain Appeal), hosted by Royal Court Theatre Artistic Director Vicky Featherstone.

*An ordinary day.  
The end of ordinary life.*

One morning in June, Abi had her to-do list - drop the kids to school, get coffee and go to work. Jacob had a bad headache so she added 'pick up steroids'. She returned home and found the man she loved and fought and laughed with for twenty years lying on the bathroom floor. And nothing would ever be the same again.

*This Is Not A Pity Memoir* is one of the most hotly anticipated literary debuts of 2022.

The event will support the National Brain Appeal with opportunities to donate available on the night.

Running time: approx. 1 hour 15 minutes.

Post-show the book signing will take place in the Samuel French Bookshop at the Royal Court.



*This is Not a Pity* Memoir by Abi Morgan is published by John Murray on 12 May 2022, price £14.99 hardback.

Tickets for the event are £12.50.

Purchase a book alongside your ticket to the event in the same transaction and you will save 20% on the hardback book £11.99 (Book RRP £14.99).

Book tickets here <https://royalcourttheatre.com/whats-on/this-is-not-a-pity-memoir/>

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## Biographies:

### **Abi Morgan** (Writer)

Abi is a BAFTA and Emmy-award winning playwright and screenwriter whose credits include *The Iron Lady*, *Suffragette*, *Sex Traffic*, *The Hour*, *Brick Lane* and *Shame*. She is the creator and writer of BBC drama, *The Split*.

### **Fiona Button** (performer)

[Fiona Button | CVGG \(conwayvangeldergrant.com\)](#)

### **Theresa Dauncey**

Theresa has more than 30 years experience in the charity sector and has been CEO of The National Brain Appeal since 2005. She took up the role when her late husband was undergoing treatment at the hospital the charity is dedicated to raising vital funds for, The National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery. Working closely with the hospital's clinical and research staff she has led the charity to fundraise for many projects, including the UK's first Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases, the UK's first Brain Tumour Unit and the UK's first interventional MRI operating theatre for neurosurgery use, enabling real time scanning of the brain and spine during surgery to enable greater accuracy and safer surgery.

### **The National Brain Appeal** [nationalbrainappeal.org](http://nationalbrainappeal.org)

The National Brain Appeal (registered charity number 290173) raises money for The National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery and the Institute of Neurology in Queen Square, London – the UK's leading centre of excellence for treating diseases of the brain, spine and the nervous system – such as brain tumours, epilepsy, stroke, dementias, MS, Parkinson's disease and motor neurone disease. The charity's vision is to improve the outcome and quality of life for the one in six affected by a neurological condition by funding



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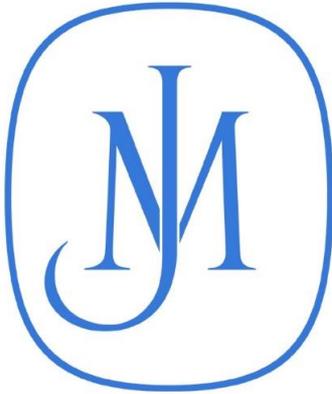
pioneering research, providing access to the best technology for expert diagnosis and treatment, major building programmes and training tomorrow's leading clinicians – over and above what the NHS can provide. Currently the charity is raising funds for two large scale capital projects; a new neuroscience centre at Grays Inn Road and a centre to support people with rare dementias.

The National  
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