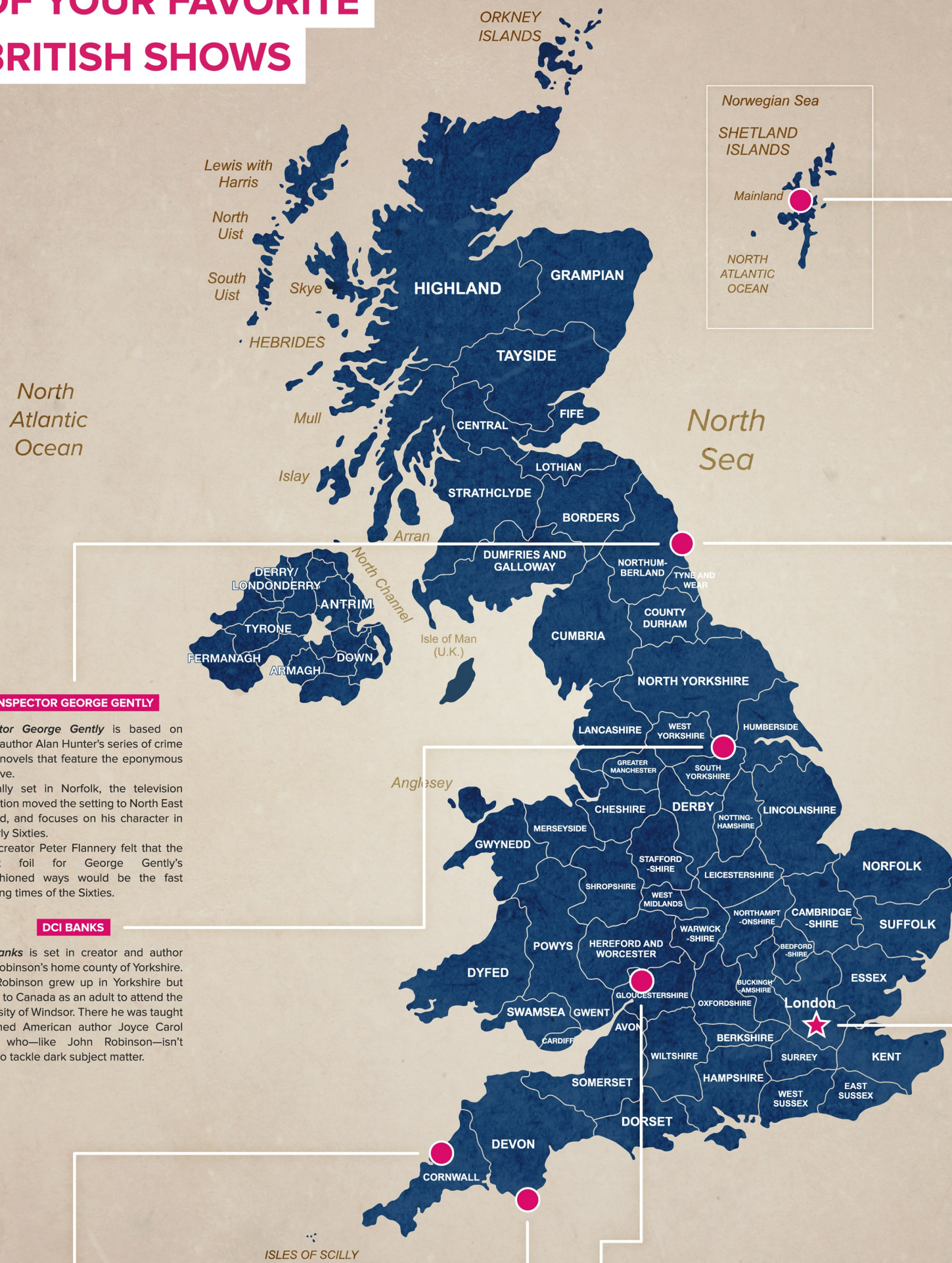


BRITAIN ON KCET: A MAP OF YOUR FAVORITE BRITISH SHOWS



SHETLAND

According to novelist Ann Cleeves, who wrote the series of novels on which *Shetland* is based, she named her lead detective—played by actor Douglas Henshall in the series—Jimmy Perez, because she wanted the inspector to be seen as an outsider—'Perez' being an uncommon name in the area—"I gave him a strange name to make him even more of an outsider."^[6]

Saint Marie (fictional island)

DEATH IN PARADISE

Set in the fictional island of Saint Marie, *Death in Paradise* is actually filmed on the island of Guadeloupe which is located in the Caribbean.

VERA

Based on the novels by crime writer Ann Cleeves (creator of *Shetland*), *Vera* focuses on DCI Vera Stanhope, a strong and especially competent detective. The series is shot in the North East England area, showcasing the vast and beautiful landscape.

When describing her writing process, Ann Cleeves stated, "I leave my mind a bit blank and see what ideas come into it...What's the point if you know how it's going to end?"^[7]

LUTHER

During a Reddit AMA (Ask Me Anything) *Luther* star Idris Elba hinted at a possible *Luther* feature film, saying, "We are in talks at the moment to figure out a way to bring more *Luther* back to the TV, but the focus is to try and make a film from it."^[5]

NEW TRICKS

New Tricks ran for a remarkable 12 seasons, with 107 episodes made in total. A fan favorite in the UK, series creator Roy Mitchell credited the success of the show to the cast and characters, saying, "[The] audience is still in love with the show and its characters, who I think represent the policemen we'd like to have. They may slightly bend the rules to get results, but without being remotely corrupt."^[8]

THE FIXER

Actor Andrew Buchan, who plays government sponsored assassin John Mercer, described the work-out regimen he had to undertake for the role as, "Working out five or six times a week—it's grotty, it's horrible...All these people grunting and puffing...This is not life—go and have a pint with a friend. Live a little."^[4]

WHITECHAPEL

The Whitechapel district in London, as fans of the show already know, is where the notorious Whitechapel Murders occurred. Attributed to Jack the Ripper, these murders play an important role in the show's first story arc.

Lead actor Rupert Penry-Jones, who plays DI Joe Chandler, said in an interview, "It's this very gothic feeling that we get which is, I think, what makes *Whitechapel* special and different."^[3]

INSPECTOR GEORGE GENTLY

Inspector George Gently is based on British author Alan Hunter's series of crime fiction novels that feature the eponymous detective.

Originally set in Norfolk, the television adaptation moved the setting to North East England, and focuses on his character in the early Sixties.

Show creator Peter Flannery felt that the perfect foil for George Gently's old-fashioned ways would be the fast changing times of the Sixties.

DCI BANKS

DCI Banks is set in creator and author John Robinson's home county of Yorkshire. John Robinson grew up in Yorkshire but moved to Canada as an adult to attend the University of Windsor. There he was taught by famed American author Joyce Carol Oates who—like John Robinson—isn't afraid to tackle dark subject matter.

DOC MARTIN

The seaside town of Portwenn is where the surly Dr. Martin resides. Although the town of Portwenn is fictional, the actual village Doc Martin is filmed in—Port Isaac—is every bit as picturesque as the television show would lead you to believe it is.

THE CORONER

According to series creator Sally Abbott, Jane Kennedy, played by actress Claire Goose, is based on Katharine Hepburn's character in the film *Adam's Rib*, a character Abbott describes as "Real, tenacious, funny, strong, infuriating and able to change in a click of a finger."^[1]

FATHER BROWN

Set in fictional Kembleford village, *Father Brown* is primarily shot in Blockley, which is located in the Cotswolds. The series uses the town's vicarage and Blockley Church as part of the show's setting.

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