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| | James Dalton Trumbo |
| Born | December 9, 1905 <div>Montrose, Colorado, U.S.</div> |
| Died | September 10, 1976 (aged 70) <div>Los Angeles, California, U.S.</div> |
| Pen name | Robert Rich |
| Occupation | Screenwriter, Writer |
| Spouse | <div>Cleo Beth Fincher<div>(1938–1976; his death)</div></div> <div>Christopher Trumbo</div> |
| Children | <div>Melissa Trumbo</div> <div>Nikola Trumbo</div> |

James Dalton Trumbo (December 9, 1905 – September 10, 1976) was an [American screenwriter](#) and [novelist](#).

Trumbo was one of the [Hollywood Ten](#), he refused to testify before the [House Un-American Activities Committee](#) (HUAC) in 1947 during the committee's investigation of [Communist](#) influences in the motion picture industry.

Career

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Trumbo won two [Academy Awards](#) while [blacklisted](#); one (for *[Roman Holiday](#)*) was originally given to a [front](#) writer, and one (for *[The Brave One](#)*) was awarded to "Robert Rich", Trumbo's [pseudonym](#).^{[1][2]}

On December 19, 2011, the [Writers Guild of America](#) announced that Trumbo was being given full credit for his work on the screenplay of the 1953 romantic comedy *[Roman Holiday](#)*, almost sixty years after the fact.^[3]^[4]

Actor [Bryan Cranston](#) plays Trumbo in the 2015 [biopic](#) *[Trumbo](#)* directed by [Jay Roach](#).

Death

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Trumbo died of a [heart attack](#) in [Los Angeles, California](#) on September 10, 1976 at the age of 70.

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