

‘Midnight Meat Train’ Scribe Jeff Buhler Sells Spec Script ‘Descendant’ To Lotus Entertainment

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EXCLUSIVE: Jim Seibel and Bill Johnson’s [Lotus Entertainment](#) has acquired the spec script *Descendant* by [Jeff Buhler](#) (*The Midnight Meat Train*) from Vinson Films. The script is inspired by actual news reports and real-life accounts. Tripp Vinson of Vinson Films is producing with Lisa Zambri, and Tara Farney is executive producer alongside Lotus, which is also financing.

The plot follows a couple who are overjoyed by the birth of their son. But as he grows older he begins to show signs of genius-level intelligence, which change him in chilling ways, leaving his parents and doctors wondering if his talents are natural or if there is some other force influencing him. “I have always been fascinated by the concept of reincarnation which is a widely held belief for billions of people around the globe,” Buhler said. “*Descendant* explores this world in a very personal and frightening way that has never been realized on film.”

Buhler is repped by WME, Gotham Group and Morris Yorn, who negotiated the deal with Lotus president of production Ara Keshishian.

Lotus’ current slate include Sacha Gervasi’s *November Criminals*, starring Ansel Elgort and Chloë Grace Moretz; Xavier Gens’ thriller *The Crucifixion* from a screenplay by Chad and Carey Hayes (*The Conjuring*); and Tanya Wexler’s *Replicas* starring [Keanu Reeves](#).