

AFM: 'Elizabeth' Helmer Shekhar Kapur to Direct Fantasy 'Tiger's Curse'

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Shekhar Kapur

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Shekhar Kapur, the Golden Globe-nominated helmer of *Elizabeth* and its sequel *Elizabeth: The Golden Age*, will direct the fantasy adventure *Tiger's Curse* for Lotus Entertainment and Ineffable Pictures.

The film is based on the first in a series of bestselling novels by **Colleen Houck**. They center on a teenage girl who, while working at a circus, encounters a white tiger named Ren whose true

identity is a prince under a 300-year curse. They team up to unravel a prophecy that might be the key to breaking the curse.

The script is by **Julie Plec**, who co-developed *The Vampire Diaries* and created its spinoff *The Originals*, both on The CW.

Kapur will produce with Lotus's **Bill Johnson** and **Jim Seibel** and Ineffable's **Raphael Kryszek** and **Jesse Israel**. Lotus' **D.J. Gugenheim** and **Ara Keshishian** will executive produce. Lotus will introduce the film to foreign buyers starting at AFM.

Lotus' upcoming slate includes the sci-fi thriller *Replicas*, starring **Keanu Reeves**, which the production company will introduce to foreign buyers at AFM this year, the **Dave Eggers** adaptation *A Hologram for the King* with **Tom Hanks**, the **Arnold Schwarzenegger-Abigail Breslin** zombie drama *Maggie*, the YA novel adaptation *Fallen* and the postapocalyptic *Z for Zachariah*.

Kapur was nominated for the best director Golden Globe for 1998's *Elizabeth*, which stars **Cate Blanchett** as the English queen. His other credits include the period drama *The Four Feathers* and a segment in the romance anthology *New York, I Love You*.

He is repped by CAA, Sentient and attorney **Howard Frumes**.