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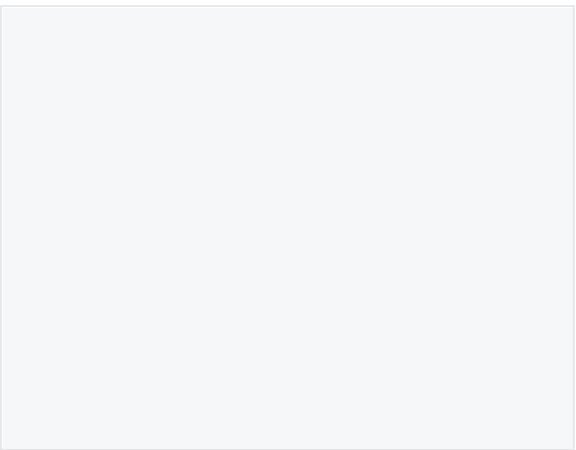
By WSJ Staff

Here are some things we know for sure about Angelina Jolie. We know she can act. We know she likes large families. And we know she likes tattoos. One thing we don't know about Jolie: can she write? Another thing: Can she direct?

Jolie makes her movie directorial debut with "In the Land of Blood and Honey," a film that she also wrote. The movie is set during the Bosnian War in the 1990s, which is a conflict, sadly, that few Americans probably have given thought to lately since the U.S. has gone through a couple of wars of its own since then. Can Jolie make movie goers care? Will she join the ranks of Kevin Costner, Robert Redford, Clint Eastwood and Barbara Streisand and others who have successfully moved from actor to director? And why didn't she cast herself in a starring role in the film?

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Anonymous wrote:

Nobody is forcing you to see it, Karen. You stay home and watch old episodes of "Friends."

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Karama wrote:

I will definitely see this movie! Like sheena, I'm looking forward to it.

4:41 am October 24, 2011

James J. Braddock wrote:

<http://thesoulshattering.net>

Did Angelina Jolie use (steal) this book (The Soul Shattering in English) written by the Bosnian-Croatian author James J. Braddock a.k.a Josip J. Knežević, as the story platform for her movie In The Land of Blood and Honey?

Did she totally miss the truth and core of that genocidal war against Bosnia and her people?

Why was she banned from filming in Bosnia by the most influential organization of women – victims of the war?

Did she rewrite history and offended thousands of women and other innocent victims of the Serbian aggression on Bosnia & Herzegovina?

Should American women and human rights organizations get involved?

11:43 am October 22, 2011

Sale wrote:

Another BS movie about bad guys killing people that is simple propaganda of western powers to demonize former communist countries...

11:25 am October 22, 2011

mahalkita wrote:

For those people who hates Angie because she's beautiful, talented, family oriented, humanitarian, strong, and great actress and a person...look at yourself. Be honest at your feelings not because you are a Jennifer Aniston fan. I am an Angie fan, but I also admire Jen when she does something great.

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