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# Did Angelina Jolie Steal Material For Her Upcoming Directorial Debut?

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Angelina Jolie's first effort as a director, *In the Land of Milk and Honey*, will come out in December of

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this year. The film, shot in 2010 using regional actors, tells a love story set during the Bosnian War. The film sparked controversy during its filming, and now Bosnian-Croatian writer named **James J. Braddock** has accused Angelina of stealing source material from his own novel.

Braddock's book, *The Soul Shattering*, was published in three Balkan countries in 2007. Meant as a tribute to the women who suffered sexual abuse as a consequence of the war in Bosnia, the novel was written from Braddock's first-person perspective as a reporter on the front lines of the conflict. According to the writer, accounts from people involved in Angelina's film make it clear that *Soul Shattering* (parts of which have been translated into English) served as the base for AJ's script.

More detrimental than this alleged thievery are criticisms that Angelina has been generally ignorant of the history she's invoking in her story. Several Bosnian-Herzegovinian women's groups protested its filming back in 2010. James Braddock **said of the situation**:

"The story is absurd and shows Ms. Jolie's complete lack of knowledge of Bosnia-Herzegovina (and Croatia), particularly during the brutal Serbian aggression that started in 1990 and lasted for almost 6 years. In many ways Ms. Jolie is trying to ingratiate herself with the peoples living in Bosnia – people who never lived in 'honey,' but throughout the history remember 'blood' only."

Angelina **has stated** that she wrote the script over a one-month period after finding herself flu-ridden and bored. Nowhere we've been able to track down has she explained where her knowledge of the conflict and characters came from.

*The Soul Shattering* is said to be coming out in English soon and *Blood and Honey* is only months away from release, so it will only become clearer how much of her script Angelina appropriated.

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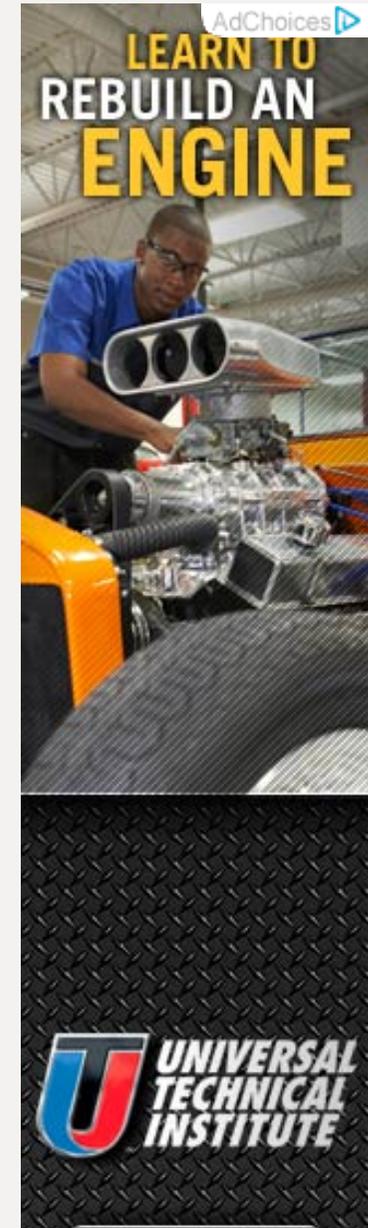
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When Knezevic can show exactly how any copying was done he will still only be half way to proving his case. So far he hasn't even shown what was copied. His lawsuit is very vague without the kind of details necessary for a copyright claim. Also Knezevic's unnecessary and childish insults toward Ms. Jolie just weaken his case and make him look crazy to the judge. Jolie and her people were never contacted by a lawyer before the case was filed. They were contacted by some unprofessional sounding "rep" of Knezevic who was not a lawyer and sent nonsensical letters. Of course they ignored him like they would any other stalker. In reality they didn't ignore him but rather they sent a reply – just not one he

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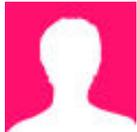
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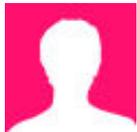
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what does this have to do with her script matching mr braddocks book??? she probably wrote down things she heard people say and wrote them down as her own thoughts . the only thought angelina jolie has ever had is WHERE'S THE DRUGS???



By Marija Marjanovic She sad for a Vanity fair:"Often quoting what other people have written,

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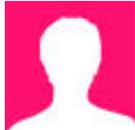
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Angelina wrote a wonderful journal on her mission in Kosovo in 2002...She has a very deep knowledge of that region of the world, the so called Ex Yugoslavia... you can read her Journal at the link below:

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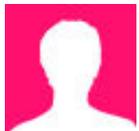
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mr braddock wrote the book . Angelina stold the book and presented it as her own story that she wrote. she is a liar. and now the world will know. good luck getting out of this one graham.



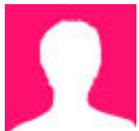
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@Cindi Please get a life. Do you know the facts or have you seen the movie yet? I didn't think so. It's 2011, you should know by now that you cannot "steal" a man. She was not the one who was married, so she wasn't the one who had commitments. Stop being so damn bitter, it won't make that man of yours stay with you or come back.



By Cindi  
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Sounds just like the kind of thing that a husband stealer like Angelina Jolie would do. Shame on her.



By David  
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And here the crazies come out of the woodwork!



By Reality Bites  
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He is claiming she stole from him a book never printed in English? And where did she get the story line? Couldn't possibly be from her trips there over the last 10 years or visiting refugees and speaking with women who have fled due to conflict with UNHCR. Ridiculous claim from this Braddock guy.



By Claire  
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Her trips are photo-ops. She visits those countries for a few hours, takes pictures and flies back home. As far as speaking with the victims, I can't see any of the victims opening up to the Hollywood celebrity who not only doesn't speak their language but has no clue of what they've been thru. At

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least Braddock is a native who has been thru the atrocities of the war. If anybody was to make connections with the victims, it would be him



By Greg  
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What rot. How could Ms Jolie steal from Braddock a subject she is not using in her film? And why now is his book being released and his and others announcements being made at the same time as her film is being released? Those groups were proven wrong in their attacks. The filming continued under the okay of the governments involved. And now again we have the yelping of the misinformed and worse, a questionable writer looking for publicity.



By Tre  
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Mr. Braddock's attorney sent Ms. Jolie a letter last year, and one to the production company. She did not respond. There's your answer.



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