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Charlize Theron ready for 'Arabia'

Actress sets Christopher Buckley book

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Charlize Theron's Denver and Delilah Films has acquired screen rights to Christopher Buckley's satirical novel "Florence of Arabia." Theron will produce and develop the film as a star vehicle.

Pic will be written by Dean Craig.

"Florence of Arabia" is about a State Dept. employee (to be played by Theron) who, after watching her friend marry the prince of a Middle East country and subsequently get executed, fights for equal rights for the women of that country.

Theron will produce through Denver and Delilah. The Johnson-Roessler Co. will be exec producer.

Craig is writing "The French Exchange" for Pathe and Forward Films, and he scripted "Fresh," a seven-episode series that airs on BBC in September. He also wrote "Death at a Funeral," the 2007 comedy that is being remade by director Neil LaBute for Screen Gems.

Theron is repped by One Talent Management and WME, Craig by UTA and Principal Entertainment.

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