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No stranger to Stephen King adaptations, Mick Garris has been trying to add the author’s BAG OF BONES to his directing résumé for some time now. And it looks like his plans are finally bearing fruit.

Dread Central reports that Garris is going ahead with a four-hour miniseries based on King’s 1998 novel about novelist Mike Noonan, who is suffering writer’s block and still grieving over his wife’s death several years earlier. A dream inspires him to return to his summer retreat in western Maine, a lakeside house called Sara Laughs. Shortly after arriving, Noonan is caught in the middle of a custody battle involving the daughter of an attractive young widow and the child’s enormously wealthy grandfather. He also discovers that Sara Laughs is haunted and that his late wife, Joanna, still has something to tell him.

“BAG OF BONES is something we tried to do as a feature for two or three years,” Garris tells the site, “but the way features are now, if it’s not about teenagers or a sequel or a remake, forget it. We wanted to do something much more adult and passionate than studios are making now. It’s a ghost story for grown-ups. Television is the only place you can do that.”

Garris, of course, has found great success adapting King for the small screen with the likes of THE STAND, THE SHINING and DESPERATION. He also helmed the author’s original screenplay SLEEPWALKERS for the big screen, as well as the King-based feature film RIDING THE BULLET. Production on BAG OF BONES is set to begin in June in Alaska.

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