
Anderson sets JFK book, two others for Col vidpix

Producer Craig Anderson has acquired rights to three books he'll develop as TV movies under an overall deal with Columbia Pictures TV, including "JFK: The Last Dissenting Witness," about a woman who allegedly spotted a second gunman during the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

The "JFK" project is based on a book by Jean Hill, who claimed she was pressured by the government to remain silent, and Bill Sloan. The movie is in development at ABC, which also is developing the book "JFK: Reckless Youth" as a four-hour miniseries through the Polone Co. (*Daily Variety*, Dec. 4).

Anderson also plans to produce Peter Kurth's novel "American Cassandra," a biography of journalist Dorothy Thompson, as a CBS movie to star Nancy McKeon ("Facts of Life") in association with Forest Hills Entertainment.

In addition, the producer has secured rights to "A Jealous Woman," by novelist James M. Cain, who wrote "Double Indemnity" and "The Postman Always Rings Twice."

Last season, Anderson exec produced the Hallmark Hall of Fame production "O Pioneers!" and produced the telefilm "Secrets," both for CBS.

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