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Jennifer Love Hewitt gets behind the camera

## Actress to make directorial debut with 'Helen'

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Hewitt

Jennifer Love Hewitt will make her feature directorial debut in an adaptation of family ghost story "Wait Till Helen Comes" through Hewitt's Fedora Films and Just Believe Prods.

Producers are Hewitt and producing partner A.J. Rinella with Victoria Sanchez Mandryk co-producing and Manuel Freedman exec producing. Producers are eyeing a summer start.

Sanchez Mandryk has penned the script for "Wait Till Helen Comes," based on the novel by Mary Downing Hahn, which centers on a 12-year-old girl who's the eldest of three children in a blended family that moves from Baltimore into a house converted from a church in the Maryland countryside. The tormented ghost of a little girl comes to haunt the 12-year-old but forms an intimate though dangerous friendship with her seven-year-old stepsister.

She directed several segments of "The Ghost Whisperer." She and A.J. Rinella have set up "Bad Taste in Men" at ABC and an untitled comedy at Fox, as well as a series adaptation of her TV film "The Client List" at Lifetime.

WME, which reps Hewitt, is packaging "Wait Till Helen Comes."

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