



Cary Fukunaga & David Lowery Turning 1985 Film 'Explorers' Into TV Pilot At Paramount Television



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EXCLUSIVE: Cary Fukunaga and David Lowery are teaming to write a pilot script for Paramount Television based on the beloved 1985 Joe Dante-directed *Explorers*, the coming-of-age sci-fi film that starred Ethan Hawke and River Phoenix. Fukunaga and Lowery will write the script and bible, and one of them will direct the pilot should it get to that.

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Both filmmakers are busy: Fukunaga, who just directed and exec produced the first season of the Jonah Hill-Emma Stone series *Maniac* for Netflix, is next directing Daniel Craig in the 25th James Bond film. Lowery, fresh off *The Old Man and the Gun*, just signed on to direct the fantasy epic *The Green Knight* for BRON Studios and A24. On the TV side, he directed the first two episodes of *Strange Angel*.



Paramount Pictures released *Explorers*, about a boy obsessed with '50s sci-fi aliens movies who has a recurring dream about a blueprint of some kind. He draws it for his inventor friend and with the help of a third pal, they end up building a spaceship. That will be the basis for the aspirational dramatic series.



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The executive producers are Fukunaga and Hayden Kiessling of Parliament of Owls; Lowery, James Johnston and Toby Halbrooks of Sailer Bear Prods; and the movie's screenwriter Erik Luke. Fukunaga has his first-look TV deal at Paramount and his TV work includes directing the celebrated first season of HBO's *True Detective* and exec producing *The Alienist*.

Fukunaga is repped by WME, Michael Sugar at Anonymous Content and Lichter Grossman Nichols Adler; Lowery is repped by WME and Victoria Cook at Frankfurt Kurnit.



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Loved the Explorers movie

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2/3 of a great movie, followed by one of the all-time trainwreck endings in motion picture history. The reason why it bombed.

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