

'Ha-Ha': Joke's on WB

Goldsman takes script on road

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Warner Bros. has optioned the Dave King novel "The Ha-Ha" for Akiva Goldsman to produce through his Weed Road Productions banner. Goldsman's goal is to make his directorial debut after setting a screenwriter to adapt the novel.

Goldsman, who won an Oscar scripting "A Beautiful Mind" and who has followed with "I, Robot," "Cinderella Man," "Memoirs of a Geisha" and "The Da Vinci Code," was turned on to the book by Kerry Foster, the president of production at WB-based Weed Road.

The novel revolves around a Vietnam vet who has adjusted to life after a land mine explosion leaves him unable to speak or write. His high-school sweetheart, who had a child with another man, disrupts his mundane life when she asks him to care for her son while she goes to rehab to kick a cocaine habit.

Goldsman will make the decision on whether or not to direct after he receives the script draft.

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