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JULIUS CAESAR THE NEXT FRANCHISE OF LIONSGATE SUMMIT ENTERTAINMENT

TRILOGY ABOUT THE RISE OF JULIUS CAESAR

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British author Iggulden has written five Emperor novels, but it is likely the film trilogy will focus on the first four, which were published between 2003 and 2006. A belated 2013 sequel, The Blood of Gods, dealt with the aftermath of Caesar´s death.

Also titled Emperor, the planned triptych will detail Caesar´s childhood friendship with Marcus Brutus, the pair´s rise to power, and the Roman leader´s final betrayal on the floor of the senate at the hands of his lifelong comrade.

Emperor becomes the first film for Nigel Sinclair and Guy East since they formed White Horse Pictures. They began work on the film several years ago when they ran Exclusive Media Group, and Sinclair will produce with Hollywood Gang Productions´ Gianni Nunnari and Atmosphere Entertainment´s Mark Canton, and Matt Jackson. East and William Broyles Jr will be exec producers with Tony To and Alex Brunner. (Deadline)

The movie will be written by Cast Away and Apollo 13´s William Broyles Jr and Stephen Harrigan who is best known for the 1990s TV miniseries Cleopatra, Pride, and Prejudice.

The announcement of a Julius Caesar movie comes as Hollywood studios build franchise movies that turn into multiple film sagas. Before, movie executives would create a single movie and now Hollywood tends to create franchise series instead. Disney´s new ream of Star Wars films, Marvel´s Avengers superhero movies and Warner Bros´ Fantastic Beasts are all examples of series that have been planned as multiple instalment sagas from the beginning.

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