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The Rights Factory, Canada's boutique literary agency, today announced the following news and recent deals.

Nicole Kidman is set to produce and star in the movie adaptation of TRF client Jules Bass' sassy comic novel *HEADHUNTERS*, which centres around a group of middle-aged female friends from New Jersey who decide to spice up their lives during a vacation to Monte Carlo by posing as wealthy women and hunting for rich bachelors. Brits Jez and John Henry Butterworth are going to pen the screenplay for the adaptation with 20th Century Fox distributing. *HEADHUNTERS* publisher Putnam Jove is planning on issuing a mass-market tie-in edition once the film is in post-production. The Rights factory presently has two of Jules Bass' novels on submission, *CARNAL CREDITS* and a middle-grade fantasy novel for children, *The MYTHOMANIACS*.

North American rights to Emily Maguire's provocative debut novel, *TAMING THE BEAST*, about a 14-year-old student's passionate relationship with her English teacher and its consequences of which Sarah Weinman blogged, "This is the kind of novel that seizes you from the first lines and forces you through the worst kind of agony and hell before spitting you out, completely gobsmacked, utterly spent, yet hopelessly addicted", to Jeanette Perez at HarperPerennial USA, on behalf of Serpent's Tail.

Canadian rights to Christine Walde's debut novel *THE CANDY DARLINGS*, where *MEAN GIRLS* meets *HEAVENLY CREATURES* in a tale about a girl and her mysterious new friend, and their addiction to candy – from Fun Dip and Ring Pop to Thrills – and their battle against a powerful high school clique were sold to Helen Reeves at Penguin Canada. (U.S. and foreign rights to the novel were previously sold by Sam Hiyate to Houghton Mifflin.)

The Rights Factory Inc. is a Canadian literary agency that represents narrative intellectual property rights throughout the world. The properties include books, comics and graphic novels, film, television and video games. The Rights Factory Inc. is a privately owned company based in Toronto, Canada and is online at www.therightsfactory.com.

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