

Speaking with The Huffington Post, Avatar director James Cameron revealed that he really wanted to adapt Michael Crichton's highly successful science fiction novel Jurassic Park, which began a franchise consisting of movies, comics, video games, and even the sequel novel The Lost World. He said that he was very close to buying the book's film rights, before being beat out by Steven Spielberg. Cameron said that Spielberg beat him to the film rights "By a few hours". The director goes on to praise Spielberg's vision of the story, while also commending him for going for a more kid-friendly route compared to Cameron's "nastier" take. "But when I saw the film, I realised that I was not the right person to make the film, he [Spielberg] was. Because he made a dinosaur movie for kids, and mine would have been Aliens with dinosaurs, and that wouldn't have been fair. "Dinosaurs are for 8-year-olds. We

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