

The film will star Armie Hammer in the role of the Lone Ranger, with Johnny Depp — who's currently in England shooting Tim Burton's take on the Gothic horror soap opera *Dark Shadows* — as Tonto. Directing is Gore Verbinski, who, of course, collaborated with Depp on the first three *Pirates of the Caribbean* films as well as the CG film *Rango*. It will also be a reunion with Jerry Bruckheimer, who has produced all four *Pirates* films (among an incredibly long list of credits). The script is written by Justin Haythe. Also expected for release towards the end of next year is *Bond 23* and part one of Peter Jackson's adaptation of *The Hobbit*. Describing the set up for the *The Lone Ranger*, *Deadline* writes that it "takes place in 1869. A Texas Ranger, left for dead, is saved by the Commanche Tonto, who gives his new partner the masked identity of

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