

WHAT LIES IN THE VALLEY BELOW

WRITTEN BY

David M. O'Neill

Based on The Happy Man

by

ERIC C. HIGGS

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Suspense Thriller

"What lies in the Valley Below" is the tale of Charles Ripley's somewhat mundane life changing forever once a mysterious and upbeat couple move in next door."

"Charles' first step toward the inferno is a small one."

Software engineer Charles Ripley has a good job, a healthy salary, a beautiful wife, and lives in an upper-middleclass neighborhood. When an exciting couple move in next door, Charles awakens from his years of suburban, domesticated life. Boy's night out in a local chophouse, neighbor Ruskin Marsh entertains an unsuspecting Charles along with two unknown women from the steakhouse bar, only to...

"Cause their deaths in a fiery, cliffside crash."

Mesa Verde's female-teens go missing, neighborhood barbeques erupt in physical brawls, while hideous howls-of-torture echo from the nearby canyon below. Seduced, Charles now awakens to an accelerating maelstrom of sex, drugs, violence, and ghastly, unimaginable rites. With the warring sides drawing near with no way out, Charles then plots to kill Ruskin and wife Sybil in a suicidal mercy mission.



Logline: "What Lies in the Valley Below is based on the novel "The Happy Man" by Eric Higgs which takes us into the sordid decline of suburbanite Charles Ripley and wife Shelly when Ruskin Marsh and wife Sybil move in next door and life becomes just a little bit too much fun."

Genre: Thriller Drama.

Budget: 3-5 Million.

Script Complete: March of 2023.

Finance Status: TBD.

Writer-Director: David M. O'Neill

LOCATIONS

The American Dream



The Valley Below



Warm Neighbors



Passing Visitors



The Valley of Terror



The Banquet Arrives



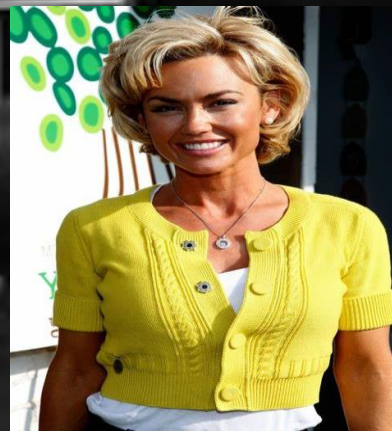
All the Young Girls Love Alice



When the Neighbors Play



CASTING



TEAM



JAMES PRATT is the recipient of various film accolades including Winning Australia's Top 5 under 35, Best A at the 2022 Beyond Hollywood Int'l Film Festival, Best the Los Angeles Film Awards and Best Director at the Cannes Film Awards. His latest film Malibu Crush won over 26 film Festivals in 2022 and was widely successful in selling both domestically and internationally



DAVID O'NEILL has recently placed with two new screenplays as quarter and semi-finalist in the Santa Barbara Int. Screenplay Awards with "What Lies in the Valley Below" and "Saving MLK". In July of 2021 David was contracted by Warner Brothers Studios in association with ESX Productions to develop and write a hijack action-drama entitled Passenger 58.

David's screenplay, "The Stand at Paxton County" was produced in the spring of 2019 and premiered on the Netflix network May of 2020. His latest produced work is entitled, "Mary's Life after Jesus, the Road to Ephesus" produced on location in Ephesus Turkey. Other written and directed works include, Five Aces (20th Century Fox), Player 5150 (First

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