

Daniel Craig

to star in TV series?

Online video streaming platforms like Netflix and Showtime are in talks to have actor Daniel Craig star in an adaptation of Jonathan Franzen's novel 'Purity'.

'Purity', which will be produced by Scott Rudin and written by Todd Field and Franzen, might star Craig, marking it as his first TV series in the US. Rudin is said to have held a round of meetings with Showtime, Netflix, FX and at least three other platforms in search of

a straight-to-series order. According to industry sources, producers were seeking a 20-episode order.

'Purity', published in September, tells the story of an aimless young woman named Purity, known as Pip. She was raised in unusual circumstances in California and ends up travelling from Oakland to Bolivia to Denver in a series of jobs and relationships with equally offbeat characters.



Jennifer Lawrence

donates \$2 million to children's hospital

After visiting patients at Kosair Children's Hospital in her hometown of Louisville, Kentucky, Jennifer Lawrence donated \$2 million to the facility. The Hunger Games and X-Men star announced the money will go to establishing the Jennifer Lawrence Foundation Cardiac Intensive Care Unit. "As part of my effort to help these children and caregivers, I challenge the entire community to get behind this cause and help match my gift

by raising an additional \$2 million to support all of these brave and inspiring children," she said. The Cardiac Intensive Care Unit will be a 14-bed unit featuring private rooms for children recovering from various intensive heart procedures, as well as space for their families to stay. She added, "My family and I have met so many wonderful children on our visits to the hospital. Their strength and courage is inspiring."

PARAMOUNT BUYS

SUBURBICON

Paramount Pictures has acquired US distribution to George Clooney's black comedy 'Suburbicon', starring Matt Damon, Oscar Isaac, Josh Brolin and Julianne Moore. The film is expected to begin shooting this October in Los Angeles. The announcement was made at the Berlin film Festival. The project came together when Teddy Schwartzman of Black Bear Pictures announced he would finance. Joel and Ethan Coen have written the script for 'Suburbicon', which is currently in pre-

production. Joel Silver will produce under his Silver Pictures banner alongside Clooney and Grant Heslov under their Smokehouse Pictures label, and Teddy Schwarzman for Black Bear Pictures, Clooney will direct.

The movie will be set in the quiet family town of 'Suburbicon', where the best and worst of humanity is hilariously reflected through the deeds of seemingly ordinary people. When a home invasion turns deadly, a picture-perfect family turns to blackmail, revenge and betrayal.

