

celebrity q&a

BY JAY BOBBIN

Stephen King

OF 'LISEY'S STORY' ON APPLE TV+



You're an executive producer of the adaptation of your novel "Lisey's Story" a job you've performed before. Why did you want that this time?

"Lisey's Story" means a lot to me because it's the one that I love best. It's a story about love and marriage and the creative impulse. And it's also got a kick-ass villain in it, which I like a lot ... so my idea is, be all the way in as much as possible or be all the way out. (My thought was,) maybe something will come along that I really love, a passion project, and this was that.

Are you satisfied with the casting of "Lisey's Story"?

I love Julianne Moore and Clive Owen in "Lisey's Story." I think that they are fantastic. And there's also a guy named Dane DeHaan who plays in the series; I don't want to say too much about him, but I love his performance. Those are some of my favorite people. Of course, I liked Christopher Walken as Johnny Smith (in "the Dead Zone," also based on a King novel). There are a lot of different people that I really love in some of the different things.

How did you conceive of "Lisey's Story"?

I had double pneumonia, and I came very close to "stepping out." During the convalescence, I was in the hospital for about three weeks, and when it was clear I was going to get better, my wife decided that she was going to totally clean out my office and make everything new again for me.

When I came back home, she said to me, "Don't go in your office. You won't like it." That's because it wasn't done yet. And then the first thing I did was to go into my office, and it was totally empty. I was still feeling very rocky and I was on a lot of different medications, and I thought, "This is what this room would look like after I die." And "Lisey's Story" came from that.



Tony Bennett

triviaquiz BY JOHN CROOK

Talent shows

Questions:

- 1) Can you name the red-haired and much-beloved host whose "Talent Scouts" program gave an early break to Tony Bennett, Connie Francis and others?
- 2) Often during one of his shows, "Talent Scouts" host Arthur Godfrey would croon a slightly off-key song, accompanying himself on what quaint instrument?
- 3) Born Belle Silverman, this operatic superstar had early successes performing on "Ted Mack's Original Amateur Hour." Can you name her?
- 4) On Sept. 8, 1935, what unknown crooner scored a sensation on the "Major Bowes Amateur Hour" as the lead singer of a quartet called the Hoboken Four?

Answers:
 1) Arthur Godfrey
 2) A ukelele
 3) Beverly Sills
 4) Frank Sinatra

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