

James Bond to Save Formula 1 From the Russians

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Anthony Horowitz

Super-spy James Bond will take on a group of Russians trying to sabotage a British racing hero in an upcoming novel commissioned by the estate of original Bond author, Ian Fleming.

The book, so far dubbed simply "Project One," will be penned by Anthony Horowitz, who authored the "Alex Rider" series of young-adult spy novels, as well as numerous TV screenplays, the BBC reported.

The new 007 novel, set for release on Sept. 8, 2015, is based on "Murder on Wheels," Fleming's episode treatment for an unreleased "Bond" television series, the report said Wednesday.

The story, set in the 1950s, will center on a Russian plot to cause British Formula 1 legend Stirling Moss to crash at the Nürburgring circuit in Germany.

The real Moss, now 85, who was hailed as the best F1 driver to never win the championship,

raced in Nürburgring several times without incident, which may indicate that Bond will accomplish his mission in the upcoming adventure.

Horowitz has experience in continuing series by dead authors: In 2011 he published a Sherlock Holmes novel titled "The House of Silk."

Ian Fleming (1908-1964), a British naval intelligence officer turned writer, wrote 12 novels and two story collections about James Bond, a suave MI6 agent with a license to kill.

Another 25 novels about Bond have been published since Fleming's death, the latest, "Solo" by William Boyd, was released last year.

Agent 007 frequently took on the Russians in Fleming's original novels, dating back to the heyday of the Cold War, usually by fighting male KGB agents and/or sleeping with their female colleagues.

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