



**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL PARTNERS FOR FOURTH TIME
WITH SCOTT FREE PRODUCTIONS TO PRODUCE BEST-SELLING
AUTHOR BILL O'REILLY'S NEXT ANTICIPATED BEST-SELLER,
*KILLING REAGAN***

*Announcement Comes as Book Hits Stores;
Film Version to Air Globally on National Geographic Channels in 2016*

National Geographic Channel (NGC) announced today that the network will continue its successful partnership with Scott Free Productions to produce the next movie based on the latest highly anticipated book from Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard, "Killing Reagan." The scripted film will follow in the footsteps of the US network's three most-watched programs, **Killing Lincoln**, **Killing Kennedy** and **Killing Jesus**, the latter two of which were Emmy-nominated in 2014 and 2015, respectively. "Killing Reagan" is being published by Henry Holt and Company today in the US.

"Over the past three years, Scott Free Productions and National Geographic Channels have been incredible partners in bringing my books to life, and I'm confident 'Killing Reagan' will be no different," said author Bill O'Reilly. "Their formula for translating these stories from the page to the screen, using A-list talent both in front of and behind the camera, has proven to be successful with both audiences and the industry at large."

Killing Reagan takes a different approach than its predecessors, exploring how the attempted assassination on the recently elected president impacted his presidency. Reaching back to the golden days of Hollywood, where Reagan found both fame and heartbreak, up through his years in the California governor's mansion and finally to the White House, **Killing Reagan** goes in-depth on the president's rise to power that was nearly cut short after a gunman's bullet came within inches of his heart. The story is told in the same riveting fashion that has made best-sellers of O'Reilly's first four novels, and must-see hits of NGC's movie adaptations.

"Scott Free has had great working experiences with the National Geographic Channel and Bill O'Reilly from the outset, so we're really pleased that we can continue the relationship," added Ridley Scott. "We're very proud of the programs we have produced together and look forward to collaborating once more."

"Our audience has proven to have a real appetite for compelling, authentic stories. We are excited to continue our momentum in the scripted genre by adding this fourth collaboration with Bill O'Reilly and Scott Free to our slate," said NGC's president of original programming and production in the US, Tim Pastore. "No matter what political party you side with, there is no doubt Ronald Reagan's presidency has had a lasting impact on global policies in our modern world. Presenting this story, especially during what's sure to be a heated election year in the US, provides an opportunity to not only look back, but to see where it has brought us today."

Killing Reagan will begin pre-production later this year. It will premiere globally in 2016 on National Geographic Channel in 171 countries including Australia and in 45 languages.

Killing Reagan is based on the book by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard. The film will be produced for National Geographic Channels by Scott Free Productions. Executive producers are Ridley Scott, David Zucker, Mary Lisio and Bill O'Reilly. Co-executive producer is Clayton Kreuger. For National Geographic Channels International, Hamish Mykura is Executive Vice President and Head of International Content.

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About Scott Free

Scott Free Productions is the film and television production company of acclaimed film director Ridley Scott. In the 20 years since Scott Free was formed, the company has earned over 70 Emmy nominations with 20 wins, and 20 Golden Globe nominations for its highly acclaimed television projects, which include the Peabody Award-winning "The Good Wife," which begins its seventh season on CBS this fall; a series adaptation of Philip K. Dick's classic "The Man in the High Castle," now in production for Amazon; the Civil War medical drama, "Mercy Street"; PBS' first scripted series in over a decade; "BrainDead," a comic-thriller CBS summer series from Robert and Michelle King; and "Killing Jesus", the third in the acclaimed "Killing" telefilms (with "Killing Kennedy" and "Killing Lincoln") for National Geographic, each of which premiered to record numbers in the US.

Notable limited series broadcasts are "Klondike" for Discovery, "The Pillars of the Earth" for Starz, "World Without End" for Reelz, "Into the Storm" and "The Gathering Storm" for HBO, "The Andromeda Strain" and "Coma" for A&E and "The Company" for TNT. The hit crime series "Numbers" ran for six seasons on CBS. Nonfiction programs are highlighted by the Emmy-winning documentary special "Gettysburg" for History Channel and "Crimes of the Century" for CNN. Projects currently on the development slate include: "Strange Angel" for AMC, "3001: The Final Odyssey" for Syfy and "The Hot Zone" for FBC. With offices in Los Angeles and London, Scott Free works closely with RSA Films, one of the world's largest and most successful commercial production houses in the world.

About National Geographic Channels International

National Geographic Channels International (NGCI) inspires viewers through its smart, innovative programming that questions what we know, how we view the world and what drives us forward. A business enterprise owned by National Geographic Ventures and FOX Entertainment Group, NGCI contributes to the National Geographic Society's commitment to exploration, conservation and education through its various channels: National Geographic Channel, National Geographic Channel HD, Nat Geo Wild, Nat Geo Wild HD, Nat Geo People and Nat Geo Mundo. Globally, National Geographic Channel (including NGC U.S., which is a joint venture of NGV and Fox Cable Networks Group) is available in more than 440 million homes in 171 countries and 45 languages. For more information, please visit www.natgeotv.com.

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