

Totemic Wolf tale now shooting



PRODUCTION NEWS

Production is now underway in China on *Wolf Totem* 狼圖騰, directed by France's [Jean-Jacques ANNAUD](#). The film is both an animal tale and a political drama.

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It is a big screen adaptation of one of the biggest selling Chinese novels of all time, written by political scientist [LÜ Jiamin](#) 狼圖騰 under the pseudonym [JIANG Rong](#) 姜戎.

Set during the time of the Cultural Revolution, the story follows a student who is sent from Beijing for re-education in Inner Mongolia. There, among the wolves of Mongolia, he discovers a respect for freedom and nature.

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Annaud has said that the dialogue will be 85% Mandarin, with some Mongolian and the rest in 'wolf language'.