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## **Columbia gets comedy project duo**

### **Tim and Tom Mullen to adapt Moore's 'Swap'**

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Columbia Pictures is keeping its comedy coffers flush by inking a pair of laffer lit deals.

Studio has acquired an untitled pitch by "Accepted" scribe Mark Perez for Adam Sandler's Happy Madison to produce. Col has also tapped the writing team of Tim and Tom Mullen to adapt Antony Moore's novel "The Swap" for the bigscreen.

Perez's pitch centers on a man in a troubled marriage who figures out a way to create the perfect wife.

Perez is writing the comedy "Early Retirement" for Warner Bros. and the Elizabeth Banks starring vehicle "What About Barb" for Universal.

"The Swap," which was published last year by Harvill Secker, centers on an out-of-shape comicbook dealer who, haunted by the loss of a priceless comicbook, tries to reverse his fortunes at his high school reunion and becomes involved in murder, romance and the unearthing of long-buried secrets.

John Calley, Diana Napper and Lisa Medwid will produce the film for John Calley Prods. The Sony-based shingle's credits include "The Da Vinci Code" and "The Jane Austen Book Club" plus the upcoming "Angels and Demons."

The Mullens are set to direct their teen comedy "Deers and Beers," with Montecito producing. Their other projects include "One of the Guys" at 20th Century Fox, with Sandra Bullock attached to star, and the Mark Waters helming vehicle "Strike" for Par Vantage.

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