

A conversation with bestselling author Pat Conroy about his work from the page to the screen



Pat Conroy's debut novel, *The Great Santini* was the first film to shoot in Beaufort and the movie that put the state – and the Lowcountry – on Hollywood's radar. To date four of his books have been adapted as feature films. All but one were filmed in the actual Lowcountry locations so beautifully captured on the page. A few years later (and a lifetime ago) I interviewed Pat for series of reports on the film business I produced while anchoring TV news in Columbia. We talked about his family's very different reactions to the books and the films ("They

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the movie versions of themselves") and about sticking to the Lowcountry landscape of the novels ("They couldn't be filmed anywhere else"). Four years after collaborating with Barbra Streisand on

The Prince of Tides

, the experience still baffled him a bit. "I did not recognize a single word that I personally wrote in the screenplay," he said. "Despite that I was nominated for an Academy Award for my work in it. It still remains one of the great mysteries of Hollywood to me

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