

Test Movie *Identity Check* Moves to Semifinals to Vie for Million-Dollar Prize

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LOCAL AUTHOR'S TEST FILM MOVES TO SEMIFINALS

Local author Ken Merrell in conjunction with philosophy professor Dennis Packard and other philosophy students are battling it out for a million dollar prize on Amazon Studios.

The full length, storyboard style movie, *Identity Check* is based on a novel written by Ken Merrell and was adapted to the screen through a college philosophy and literature course focused on the film novel taught by BYU Professor Dennis Packard. The movie has now advanced to the semifinals (only 8 semifinalists) against hundreds of other contestants for the monthly 100k prize. If the film wins the monthly first place prize, it becomes eligible for the 2011 grand prize contest of one million dollars.

By applying the philosophies taught in both the philosophy and film and philosophy and literature classes, the team has made incredible advances only 15 days after submitting their production.

Semifinalists will be announced on Amazon Studios on the 16th of November and the finalists will be announced on November 22, with the monthly winner being announced on November 29th. You can view make comments and recommendations on how the team can improve the final product by going to <http://studios.amazon.com/movies/10995>

Identity Check is an action/comedy about Nurse, a homeless woman wandering the streets of Las Vegas, who defines herself by her own false identity constructed by her abusive past—but with the help of a ragtag bunch of homeless sleuths, she finds peace in the present, and confidence in her own identity, by disbanding a powerful identity theft ring.