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Fresh look at children's classic

FRANK Beddor, producer of Hollywood hit *There's Something About Mary*, visited Oxford to see locations linked with *Alice In Wonderland*.

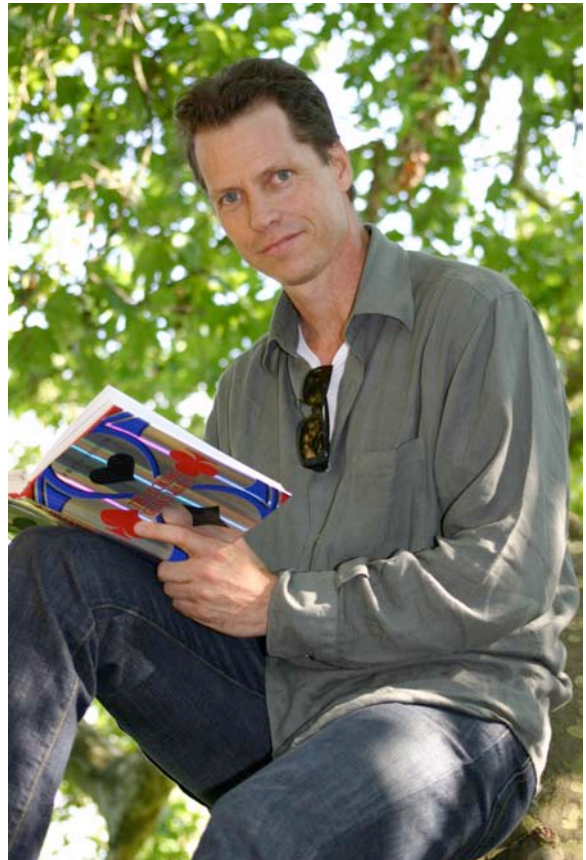
Mr. Beddor visited Christ Church in Oxford, where *Alice* author Charles Dodgson, who wrote using the name Lewis Carroll, was once a lecturer.

Mr. Beddor's children's book *The Looking Glass Wars*, was published on Monday by Egmont, and is a reworking of *Alice In Wonderland* from 1865. Mr. Beddor, 35, is also a former world freestyle ski champion. He started his Hollywood career as a ski stunt double in films such as *Hot Dog The Movie*.

He is also working on a film and games version of *The Looking Glass Wars*.

The writer was inspired to look beyond Lewis Carroll's version after he saw a pack of ancient playing cards in the British Museum when he was in London for the premiere of *There's Something About Mary* five years ago.

The children's book is a change of direction for Mr. Beddor following the raucous adult comedy *There's Something About Mary*, starring Matt Dillon, Ben Stiller and Cameron Diaz.



New view . . . Frank Beddor at Christ Church, with his book *The Looking Glass Wars*