

Can Amanda make the final cut?

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Just one caveat: Amanda Foreman has asked for cameo roles for her family

Amanda Foreman has landed a £100 million film deal for *A World On Fire*, her 800-page account of British involvement in the American Civil War.

However, the 42-year-old daughter of film director Carl Foreman has insisted on one caveat — she and her five young children must be given roles as extras in the joint BBC and Home Box Office production which will be filmed in Britain, the U.S. and Serbia next year.

New York-based Amanda, who flew into London to talk about the book at a literary lunch yesterday, tells me:

‘Nobody has been announced to star in the project yet, but I am insisting that myself and my children are given cameo roles.

‘When my biography of the Duchess of Devonshire was filmed with Keira Knightley, we were all extras.

‘But, we were left on the cutting-room floor and my children were very disappointed.

‘This time I am insisting we stay in the final cut.’