

'No Country' wins best picture Oscar

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LOS ANGELES - "No Country for Old Men," Joel and Ethan Coen's adaptation of Cormac McCarthy's novel, won four Oscars in Los Angeles Sunday, including best picture. The film, which co-starred Javier Bardem, Tommy Lee Jones and Josh Brolin, beat out "Atonement," "Juno," "Michael Clayton" and "There Will Be Blood" for the top prize. Moments before "No Country" was named best picture, the Coen brothers picked up the prize for best director. They also earned the award for best adapted screenplay, while Bardem won for best supporting actor. "I think whatever success we've had in this area has been entirely attributable to how selective we are," Joel Coen said upon accepting the Oscar for best adapted screenplay. "We've only adapted Homer and Cormac McCarthy. So, thank you." The Homer reference was to the epic poem, "The Odyssey," which loosely formed the basis for the Coen brothers' 2000 film, "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Daniel Day-Lewis won the best actor prize for "There Will Be Blood" and Marion Cotillard won for best actress for "La Vie En Rose." Tilda Swinton won best supporting actress for "Michael Clayton." Diablo Cody won the best original screenplay prize for "Juno."

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