

## Smythie

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*"One of the brightest gems of the New England weather is the dazzling uncertainty of it"*

~Mark Twain

We want to update everyone on the progress at the Smyth Public Library. As many already know, a sprinkler in the fire suppression system failed the entire building flooded and all was removed so that the flooring can be replaced and any other damages repaired. Servpro performed the clean-up and we are insured and all the repairs will be covered. The library will be closed until all the repairs are completed, everything is dried out and then the books and furniture can be replaced. Since then we have retained the services of Dean Young as our General Contractor and in his capable and skilled hands repairs are progressing well in the library. Dean, along with other Candia craftsmen, such as Kevin MacDonald and Felix Shepard, are saving and restoring our fine wood cabinets, shelving and walls.

We are working diligently to restore the library, but as in all construction projects everywhere, there are supply issues and delays

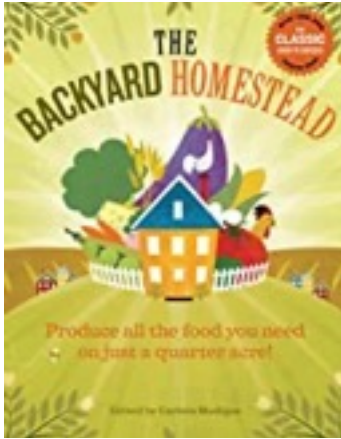
beyond our control. We do not know at this point how long that will all take but our flooring company supplier has experienced the pandemic backlog due to material and labor shortages. We are making every effort to reopen as possible and will keep you informed as we progress.

In the meantime, we have increased the electronic and downloadable materials for your convenience as well as offer curbside delivery of any materials you might desire through the Interlibrary loan system. Please feel free to request these and any other needs or questions you might have to [librarian@smythpl.org](mailto:librarian@smythpl.org). We also have secured the temporary services of a few libraries close by which you can find details about below. We also remind you that we closed the book drop because we do not have a good place to put returned books. We ask that you keep any books that are due and naturally, there will be no late fees when you are able to return them. Our employees are not yet in the building on a regular basis, so even if the phones are working, there is no one to answer them. There are also books available at the Swap Shop at the recycling center and the Little Free Library at the entrance to the CYAA building.

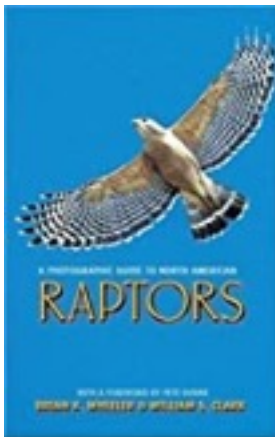
Please know that we are doing everything we can to get the library re-opened as soon as possible and we appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

***Events...***

**Agriculture commission presents:**



**Tuesday, March 8 at 7 pm** - talk and roundtable discussion on poultry rearing and small scale farming / homesteading at the town Hall meeting room.



**Tuesday April 12 at 7 pm** talk and demonstration on raptors and their interaction with agriculture, and will include live birds (hoping to meet outside at the Moore park pavilion) More details coming soon on website.



## Anders Morley-This Land of Snow

**Author Virtual Program on Zoom**

**March 31 @ 6:30 pm**

Every journey begins with a single step, or in Anders Morley's case, the *shush* of cross-country skis. For as long as he could remember, Morley dreamed of taking a very long walk. In his thirties, pining for the silent and snowy winters of his New Hampshire home, he decided to unite his old dream with his equally long-standing love of winter. Fourteen months later, just as the snow was starting to fall, he set off alone to spend the four coldest months of the year traveling on skis across the half-wild country of northwestern Canada.

*This Land of Snow*, winner of the 2021 National Outdoor Book Award, tells the story of that journey and of a man who must come to terms with the consequences of living by nostalgia. Come along on an adventure into the depths of a northern winter with Anders Morley, winner of the 2021 National Outdoor Book Award for travel writing, as he presents *This Land of Snow*, the story of his four-month journey through the wilds of northwestern Canada on cross-country skis. More than just a tale of adventure, *This Land of Snow* is a meditation on the coldest season and on the approach of mid-life, which *Booklist*'s Brenda Barrera has called "a captivating memoir" and "an eloquent ode

to the harsh beauty of winter." Morley will discuss and share anecdotes from his journey, read from his book, and show photographs from along the way.

### **Author biography**

A dual citizen of the US and Canada, **Anders Morley** grew up in New Hampshire and began skiing at age five. After earning a master's degree from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, he settled in Italy where he worked as a translator and English teacher, and explored the Alps in his free time. He contributes regularly to *New Hampshire* magazine and his work has appeared in a variety of other publications including *The Globe and Mail*, *Northern Woodlands* magazine, *Maisonneuve* magazine, and *The Aurean*. Morley lives in northern New Hampshire.

Heidi Deacon is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Land of Snow author program

Time: Mar 31, 2022 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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**While we are closed...**

***Great News!!***

Griffin Free Public Library (GFPL) in Auburn, Hooksett Public Library, Chester Library and Dudley Tucker Library in Raymond

have all generously offered to partner with the Smyth Public Library to provide temporary borrowing cards to Candia, NH residents while Smyth Public Library is closed for renovations.

These out of town temporary cards will be provided to adults with proof of Candia residency (such as a valid driver's license) right away in Auburn and Hooksett and as of February 1 in Raymond. The cards will allow up to three physical items (such as books or DVDs) to be circulated at a time. Access to digital collections will be limited to in library usage only and no online account access will be available. Access to digital resources will continue to be provided by Smyth Public Library.

These cards will expire on the day that the Smyth Public Library reopens. Please respect these neighboring town library conditions and be sure to return all items in a timely manner so that all patrons can enjoy this service in Auburn, Hooksett, Raymond and Candia.

If you have any questions regarding this service, please contact Heidi Deacon, Library Director, [librarian@smythpl.org](mailto:librarian@smythpl.org).

**And don't forget...**

**You can still check e-books out from the state library through our catalogue, as usual.**



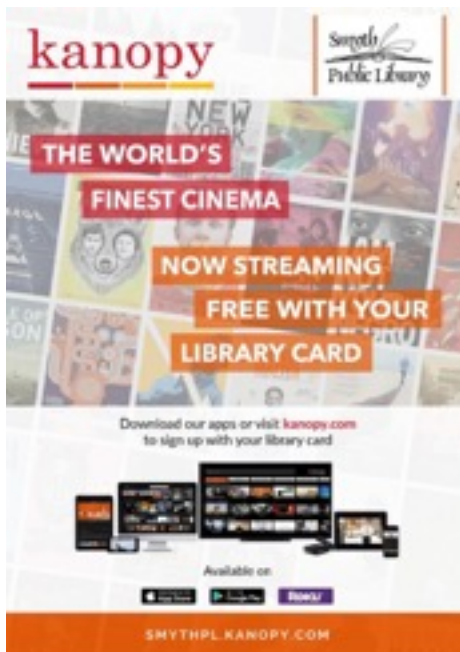
## Overdrive/ Libby



**Overdrive** is the original app, which is compatible with most devices. Use this if you have a Kindle Fire, a Mac, a Windows device, or a PC.

**Libby** is a new app by Overdrive. It has the same collection as Overdrive. If you have an Android or iOS device, use the Libby app.

## Kanopy



### What is Kanopy?

Kanopy is a popular on demand film streaming service that will be available for free with your library card! You can get 4 titles per month.

Films can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku.

With the motto of “thoughtful entertainment,” Kanopy provides patrons with access to films of unique social and cultural value; films that are often difficult or impossible to access elsewhere, and programming that features diversity, with a wide array of foreign language films and films on race, and current affairs.

Kanopy also offers **Kanopy Kids**, with categories include TV Series, Learning Languages, Animated Storybooks, Anime Favorites, Classic Films and Movies for the Whole Family.

### **Kanopy Toolkits:**

At the start of 2020 Kanopy launched new toolkits to help patrons and viewers access theme-specific videos and movies. Each month a new toolkit shall be published; the toolkits offer program guides and suggestions on what films to view.

Click [here](#) to view the toolkits.

### **Accessing Kanopy:**

Library card holders can access Kanopy and sign up to start streaming films on instantly by visiting [smythpl.kanopy.com](https://smythpl.kanopy.com).

NOTE: When logging-in to Kanopy it requires your *Library Card Number* and a *Library Card Pin/Password*. The *Pin/Password* is the seven digits of your phone number, or ten digits of your phone number if the number i

## Hoopla



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### **STEAM Look Book**

The 2021 hoopla [STEAM Look Book](#) is now available! hoopla offers the best selection of science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics titles for patrons of all ages. STEAM education is known to increase problem-solving and critical thinking skills, so the content is great anytime, but especially for back to school!

Browse our STEAM Library Resources, [Look Book](#), and collections for every age



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### **The Great Courses**

We're thrilled to announce [The Great Courses](#) now on video on hoopla. Patrons can enjoy over 200 individual courses in a variety of topics taught by award-winning experts and professors including *Health, Fitness & Nutrition, Literature & Language, Science & Technology*, and more.

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### **hoopla Book Club:**

hoopla's digital collection is available instantly with no holds and no waiting, including the [Book Club Spotlight Selection](#), giving readers access to eBooks and audiobooks even if the library's physical building is closed.

### **New Book Club Spotlight Selection: *Before the Coffee Gets Cold***

The Winter 2021 hoopla Book Club Spotlight is [Before the Coffee Gets Cold](#) by Toshikazu Kawaguchi. This is his debut as an author, and has become an international bestseller.

hoopla's online resources, including an [exclusive Q&A with the author](#), are also available on the [hoopla Book Club Hub](#) site to access and share digitally. Readers can keep the discussion going virtually or in person, no matter where they are, with the hoopla Book Club.

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### **Accessing hoopla:**

To register for and enjoy hoopla digital for free with your library card, please download the hoopla digital app from your Apple or Google Play store on your mobile device. If you are using a computer, you may visit <https://www.hoopladigital.com/home>.

For more information or should you have questions, please visit or call Smyth Public Library.

Please note, that when logging-in to Hoopla, type in your *email*, and then the *Password/PIN* required is simply your phone number.

### **FAQ of hoopla:**

With Hoopla, you can check out 3 items per month with your library card! NO WAITING!

You will have immediate access to:

MOVIES, FULL MUSIC ALBUMS, eBooks, eAUDIOBOOKS, TV EPISODES, and COMICS and GRAPHIC NOVELS!

ALL of this content will be available in one all-inclusive mobile app or website.

The platform is simple, intuitive and free. BEST OF ALL? There is NO WAITING for titles, the collection contains half a million titles and is growing every day!!

hoopla has added over 6,500 new titles! Click [here](#) for more information.

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### **Family Movie Nights made easy with hoopla!**

With many families staying in more than ever, hoopla can help make decisions for family movie night easy with our wide selection of family titles. We have curated a [\*\*special collection of some of our favorites\*\*](#) available now with no holds or waiting – including *Ella Enchanted*, *Daddy Day Care*, *The 3 Tails*, and more!

Discovering titles your patrons will love has never been easier with the new and expanded [\*\*Movies of the Month\*\*](#) on hoopla!

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### **Reading guides**

The hoopla Resource Center now has [reading guides](#) for IDW Publishing graphic novels available on hoopla, including *March Book One* and *March Book Two*. John Lewis's game-changing graphic memoir *March* has brought attention to a powerful issue and its three books have won numerous awards and have been a #1 *New York Times* Bestseller.

[\*\*Check out the Reading Guides\*\*](#)

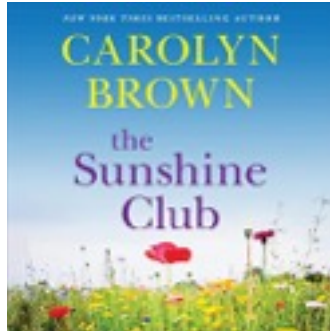
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### **Curate your own film festival with the power of your library card and hoopla!**

The programs new Art House collection full of documentaries and films is the perfect place to start; click [here](#) for more information.

***Good friends, good books, and a sleepy conscience:  
this is the ideal life.-Mark Twain***

Smyth Library Now offers these for curbside pickup  
Just email [librarian@smythpl.org](mailto:librarian@smythpl.org) to order:



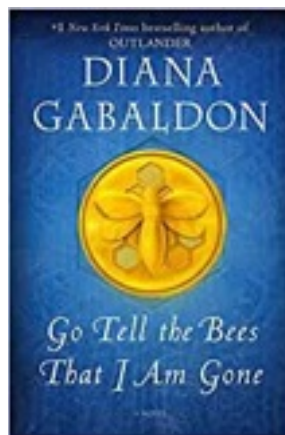
### **Audiobook: The Sunshine Club by Carolyn Brown**

**Sisters of the heart play Cupid in *New York Times* bestselling author Carolyn Brown's funny and heartwarming novel about friendship, family, and finding love.**

Gussie, Ina Mae, and Blanche have been best friends for more than sixty years. From their humble beginnings of founding the Sunshine Club when they were girls to becoming the matchmaking queens of Newton, Texas, these three were inseparable. When Blanche passes away, Gussie and Ina Mae feel the best way to honor their dearly departed is with a shot of whiskey, some good music, and making a match for Blanche's niece, Sissy.

Never mind that Sissy's in town for only six weeks. Is there a better reason for her to stay? And is there a better prospect than handsome, charming, blue-eyed local preacher Luke Beauchamp? No and no. The attraction is already there. Now it's up to Gussie and Ina Mae to make sure the sparks really get to crackling by Christmas.

The Sunshine Club is back in business. Don't underestimate two feisty women who have their hearts set on a happy ending.



*The past may seem the safest place to be . . . but it is the most dangerous time to be alive. . . .*

Jamie Fraser and Claire Randall were torn apart by the Jacobite Rising in 1746, and it took them twenty years to find each other again. Now the American Revolution threatens to do the same.

It is 1779 and Claire and Jamie are at last reunited with their daughter, Brianna, her

husband, Roger, and their children on Fraser's Ridge. Having the family together is a dream the Frasers had thought impossible.

Yet even in the North Carolina backcountry, the effects of war are being felt. Tensions in the Colonies are great and local feelings run hot enough to boil Hell's teakettle. Jamie knows loyalties among his tenants are split and it won't be long until the war is on his doorstep.

Brianna and Roger have their own worry: that the dangers that provoked their escape from the twentieth century might catch up to them. Sometimes they question whether risking the perils of the 1700s—among them disease, starvation, and an impending war—was indeed the safer choice for their family.

Not so far away, young William Ransom is still coming to terms with the discovery of his true father's identity—and thus his own—and Lord John Grey has reconciliations to make, and dangers to meet . . . on his son's behalf, and his own.

Meanwhile, the Revolutionary War creeps ever closer to Fraser's Ridge. And with the family finally together, Jamie and Claire have more at stake than ever before.



**Rescue artist Jane Whitefield leads a deadly crime syndicate on a wild chase through the Northeast**

Jane Whitefield helps people disappear. Fearing for their lives, fleeing dangerous situations, her clients come to her when they need to vanish completely—to assume a new identity and establish a new life somewhere they won't be found. And when people are desperate enough to need her services, they come to the old house in rural western New York where Jane was raised to begin their escape.

It's there that, one spring night, Jane finds a young woman fresh from LA with a whole lot of trouble behind her. After she cheated on her boyfriend, he dragged her to the home of the offending man and made her watch as he killed him. She testified against the boyfriend, but a bribed jury acquitted him, and now he's free and trying to find and kill her.

Jane agrees to help, and it soon becomes clear that outsmarting the murderous boyfriend is not beyond Jane's skills. But the boyfriend has some new friends: members of a Russian organized crime brotherhood. When they learn that Sara is traveling with a tall, dark-haired woman who disappears people, the Russians become increasingly interested in helping the

boyfriend find the duo. They've heard rumors that such a woman existed—and believe that, if forcibly extracted, the knowledge she has of past clients could be worth millions.

Thus begins a bloodthirsty chase that winds through the cities of the northeast before finally plunging into Maine's Hundred Mile Wilderness. But in a pursuit where nothing can be trusted, one thing is certain: only one party—Jane or her pursuers—will emerge alive.



**A leading medical ethnobotanist tells us the story of her quest to develop new ways to fight illness and disease through the healing powers of plants in this uplifting and adventure-filled memoir.**

Plants are the basis for an array of lifesaving and health-improving medicines we all now take for granted. Ever taken an aspirin? Thank a willow tree for that. What about life-saving medicines for malaria? Some of those are derived from cinchona and wormwood.

In today's world of synthetic pharmaceuticals, scientists and laypeople alike have lost this connection to the natural world. But by ignoring the potential of medicinal plants, we are losing out on the opportunity to discover new life-saving medicines needed in the fight against the greatest medical challenge of this century: the rise of the post-antibiotic era. Antibiotic-resistant microbes plague us all. Each year, 700,000 people die due to these untreatable infections; by 2050, 10 million annual deaths are expected unless we act now.

No one understands this better than Dr. Cassandra Quave, whose groundbreaking research as a leading medical ethnobotanist—someone who identifies and studies plants that may be able to treat antimicrobial resistance and other threatening illnesses—is helping to provide clues for the next generation of advanced medicines. In *The Plant Hunter*, Dr. Quave weaves together science, botany, and memoir to tell us the extraordinary story of her own journey. Traveling by canoe, ATV, mule, airboat, and on foot, she has conducted field research in the flooded forests of the remote Amazon, the murky swamps of southern Florida, the rolling hills of central Italy, isolated mountaintops in Albania and Kosovo, and volcanic isles arising out of the Mediterranean—all in search of natural compounds, long-known to traditional healers, that could help save us all from the looming crisis of untreatable superbugs. And as a person born with multiple congenital defects of her skeletal system, she's done it all with just one leg. Filled with grit, tragedy, triumph, awe, and scientific discovery, her story illuminates how the path forward for medical discovery may be found in nature's oldest remedies.

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***It is clear that the books owned the shop rather than the other way about. Everywhere they had run wild and taken possession of their habitat, breeding and multiplying, and clearly lacking any strong hand to keep them down.***

- Agatha Christie

## ***Book club still meeting!***

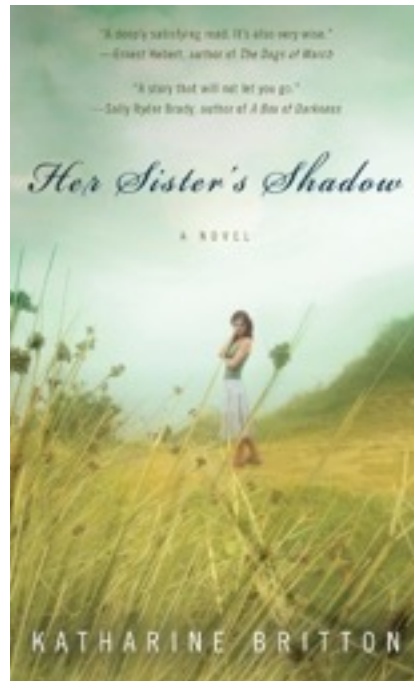
*Readers meet **every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday** of the month*

*Next month join us March 15th ~ 7:30 pm*

*Smyth Memorial Building*

**This Month's Selection:**





## Her Sister's Shadow

By **Katharine Britton**

An emotionally powerful debut about two sisters who reconnect after nearly forty years of estrangement.

Renowned painter Lilli Niles is at home in her North London flat when she receives an unexpected call from her elder sister, Bea, who's at the family homestead in Whitehead, Massachusetts. Bea's husband has just died, and she'd like Lilli to fly home to attend the funeral. There are reasons Lilli moved all the way to England to escape her older sister, reasons that have kept them estranged for decades. But something in Bea's voice makes Lilli think it's time to return to the stately house in New England she loved as a child, to the memory of the beloved younger sister they both lost. With Bea more fragile than Lilli remembered, maybe she can finally forgive Bea for a long-ago betrayal that has simmered between them for nearly forty years.



*Honestly. Everyone should leave writing poetry to the prose!*



## Tip from the front desk

### Read These Books Before They Hit the Small Screen

Hollywood can't get enough of adapting books for the screen. And not just the big screen—these movies and series, all based on novels, will soon be available to stream from your couch. There are several psychological thrillers in the bunch as well as a sci-fi classic, historical fiction set in Japan, romance in Regency London, and a time travel mystery.

***Smyth Public Library can provide any or all of these books either as downloads or print copies (email [librarian@smythpl.org](mailto:librarian@smythpl.org) and we can order them and leave for you curbside).***



## ***The Weekend Away* (beginning March 3 on Netflix)**

*Cast includes Leighton Meester, Christina Wolfe, Luke Norris, Ziad Bakri, Amar Bukvic*

**Based on *The Weekend Away* by Sarah Alderson**

Two friends go on holiday. Only one comes back. Orla and Kate have been best friends forever. Whatever happens in their lives, they can always look forward to their annual weekend away. This year, they're off to Lisbon and what better way to kick things off in style than with the perfect night out? But when Orla wakes up the next morning, Kate is gone. Brushed off by the police, Orla frantically retraces their steps and makes a series of shattering discoveries that threaten everything she holds dear.



## ***Pieces of Her* (beginning March 4 on Netflix)**

*Cast includes Toni Collette, Bella Heathcote, Jessica Barden, Joe Dempsie, Omari Hardwick, and Jacob Scipio*

**Based on *Pieces of Her* by Karin Slaughter**

The daughter of a woman who has wanted nothing more than a quiet life in her small beachside home embarks on a desperate search for answers when she discovers the explosive truth about her mother's true identity.



## ***The Last Days of Ptolemy Grey* (beginning March 11 on Apple TV+)**

*Cast includes Samuel L. Jackson, Dominique Fishback, Cynthia Kaye McWilliams, Damon Gupton*

**Based on [The Last Days of Ptolemy Grey](#) by Walter Mosely**

After a doctor touts an experimental drug that will shorten his life, but restore his failing memory and vigor, Ptolemy Grey is spurred to action after investigating his own past, his apartment, and the circumstances surrounding his grand-nephew's death in a drive-by shooting.



## ***Deep Water* (beginning March 18 on Hulu)**

*Cast includes Ana de Armas, Ben Affleck, Jacob Elordi, Rachel Blanchard, Lil Rel Howery*

**Based on [Deep Water](#) by Patricia Highsmith**

Tired of an arrangement that allows his wife, Melinda, to take as many lovers as she wants in exchange for not deserting the family, Vic tries to win her back by asserting himself with a tall tale of murder, a lie that eventually comes true, in a chilling novel about the dark reality behind the idyllic facade of American suburban life.





## ***Pachinko* (beginning March 25 on Apple TV+)**

*Cast includes Soji Arai, Jin Ha, Inji Jeong, and Minha Kim*

**Based on *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee**

In early 1900s Korea, prized daughter Sunja finds herself pregnant and alone, bringing shame on her family until a young tubercular minister offers to marry her and move with her to Japan, in the saga of one family bound together as their faith and identity are called into question.



## ***Bridgerton*, Season 2 (beginning March 25 on Netflix)**

*Cast includes Jonathan Baile, Simone Ashley, Charithra Chandran, Nicola Coughlan, Calam Lynch, Shelley Conn*

**Based on The Bridgerton series by Julia Quinn. (Season 2 focuses on Lord Anthony Bridgerton, the main protagonist of Quinn's second book in the series, *The Viscount Who Loved Me*.)**

When notorious rake Anthony Bridgerton announces that he has chosen a prospective bride, he faces unexpected opposition when his intended's meddlesome sister Kate decides to protect her innocent sister from the wicked aristocrat.

*Already read the whole Bridgerton series? [30+ Bridgerton Readalikes to Steam Up All Your Nights](#)*





## **Anatomy of a Scandal (beginning April 15, Netflix)**

*Cast includes Michelle Dockery, Sienna Miller, Rupert Friend, Naomi Scott*

**Based on [Anatomy of a Scandal](#) by Sarah Vaughan**

Desperate to clear the name of her loving and charismatic husband in the wake of scandalous accusations, Sophie clashes with a determined prosecution lawyer, Kate, who resolves to uncover the truth and bring Sophie's husband to justice.



## ***The Man Who Fell to Earth* (beginning April 24, Showtime)**

*Cast includes Chiwetel Ejiofor, Naomie Harris, Bill Nighy, Rob Delaney*

**Based on *The Man Who Fell to Earth* by Walter Tevis**

An alien disguised as a human comes to Earth on a mission to save his people. Devastated by nuclear war, his home planet, Anthea, is no longer habitable. He lands in Kentucky and starts patenting Anthean technology—amassing the fortune he needs to build a spaceship that will bring the last three hundred Anthean survivors to Earth. But instead of the help he seeks, he finds only self-destruction, sinking into alcoholism and abandoning his spaceship, in this poignant story about the human condition.



## ***Shining Girls* (beginning April 29, Apple TV+)**

*Cast includes Elisabeth Moss, Wagner Moura, Phillipa Soo, Jamie Bell, Amy Brenneman*

**Based on *Shining Girls* by Lauren Beukes**

The sole survivor of a time-traveling serial killer who began his murder spree in Depression-era Chicago tries to hunt him down in 1989 along with help from an ex-homicide reporter.

Excerpt by Carrie McBride, CommunicationsFebruary 28, 2022



*Did you know...*

If you publish a book in Norway, the government will buy 1000 copies (1500 if a children's book) and distribute them to libraries.

**Trivia Time!**

**Every month we ask a trivia question. If you know the answer, drop it off at the front desk or e-mail it here.**

**Last month's question and answer:**

**Q. In what novel did Sherlock Holmes make his first appearance in print?**

**A. "A Study in Scarlet" published in "Beeton's Christmas Annual" of 1887.**

**This Month's Trivia Question:**

*Which character is pregnant at the beginning of The Grapes of Wrath?*

**Ever want to be one of those know-it-all reviewers?**

**Got a book to recommend?**

**Want to write a blurb?**

**Have a child with a favorite book who would like to contribute to the Smythie?**

We welcome contributors (less for us to write!), especially children and teens to review and recommend favorite books. Just drop Heidi Deacon an e-mail at [librarian@smythpl.org](mailto:librarian@smythpl.org) or “reply” to this and we’ll include it here. It need not be a new book – it can be a golden oldie, a classic, a trashy beach book or whatever you have enjoyed.

I hope you have enjoyed this edition. Comments, suggestions and, of course, reviews are always welcomed.

**Rick Mitchell and the library staff**

The Smythie is now over a gazillion subscribers strong!!

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