

Dracula

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Bram Stoker

This classic horror story tells of a bizarre count named Dracula (played by Gary Oldman), who drinks human blood to stay alive, and the English lawyer (played by Jonathan Harker) who uncovers this secret while trying to protect his fiancée Mina Murray (played by Winona Ryder) from further harm.

Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood

Rebecca Wells

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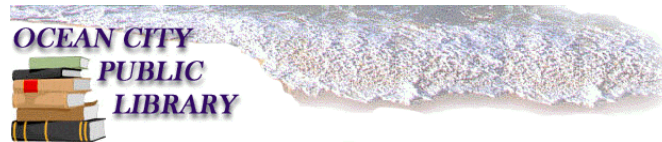
When Sidda (played by Sandra Bullock) inadvertently reveals some revealing things about her childhood in a newspaper interview, her mother, Vivi, virtually disowns her. Vivi's lifelong friends, the Ya-Ya's, set in motion a plan to bring the mother and daughter back together using a scrapbook of childhood memories that they ask Vivi to put together.

The Age of Innocence

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Edith Wharton

Set at the turn of the twentieth century, when Newland Archer (played by Daniel Day-Lewis), a wealthy urban New Yorker, unexpectedly falls in love with the unorthodox and exotic Countess Olenska (played by Michelle Pfeiffer), the affair gets the entire uptown society talking.



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*Your guide to some of the  
best works that have made  
it onto the Silver Screen*

<p><u>The Hours</u></p> <p>Michael Cunningham</p> <p>Weaving the tales of three different women (played by Nicole Kidman, who won an Oscar for her portrayal, Meryl Streep and Julianne Moore) who are all bound by their connection to Virginia Woolf's novel <i>Mrs. Dalloway</i>, <i>The Hours</i> is a dramatic tale that will undoubtedly make readers re-think how they see the world.</p>	F CUN	<p><u>Cold Mountain</u></p> <p>Charles Frazier</p> <p>After Inman (played by Jude Law) escapes from a Confederate hospital during the Civil War, he must trek through the wild to return to his beloved. Meanwhile Ada, his love (played by Nicole Kidman) struggles to maintain their farmland during the harsh winter. Will the lovers be united?</p>	F FRA	<p>in the supernatural as well as the psychological. The movies that have been translated from his many works are as star-studded as they are disturbing – ranging from a blood-drenched Sissy Spacek in <i>Carrie</i> to the psychotic father Jack Nicolson in <i>The Shining</i> to Tom Hanks in the <i>Green Mile</i>.</p>
<p><u>House of Sand and Fog</u></p> <p>Andre Dubus III</p> <p>This dramatic tale of vastly different individuals vying for one piece of property is filled with poetic language as well as complex social themes. Who do you think deserves the house more – Kathy, the recovering drug addict who lost the house (the inheritance from her father) because of missed tax payments or the Behranis, the Iranian family trying to make a better life for themselves in America?</p>	F DUB	<p><u>Red Dragon</u></p> <p><u>Silence of the Lambs</u></p> <p><u>Hannibal</u></p> <p>Thomas Harris</p> <p>This trilogy about the sinister Dr. Hannibal Lecter has been scaring the masses for over ten years. Whether Lecter (played by Sir Anthony Hopkins) is helping FBI detectives track down deranged serial killers or else plotting something more sinister, you can be sure that you're in for a scary treat.</p>	F HAR	<p><u>Gone with the Wind</u></p> <p>Margaret Mitchell</p> <p>A classic story set during the Civil War, complete with passion, violence and unrequited love. The sparks fly both on screen as well as in print between Scarlett O'Hara and Rhett Butler as the two battle their way through their relationship (as well as the Civil War).</p>
<p><u>American Psycho</u></p> <p>Bret Easton Ellis</p> <p>Patrick Bateman has it all - good looks, lots of friends, intelligence, loads of money and an endless stream of beautiful women. Someone so well off has to be happy and well-adjusted, right? Too bad Bateman (played by Christian Bale) has a secret fondness for murder.</p>	F ELL	<p><u>High Fidelity</u></p> <p><u>About a Boy</u></p> <p>Nick Hornby</p> <p>One of the leading figures of "lad lit," Nick Hornby's works are quite humorous and quirky representations of modern every day English life. In <i>About a Boy</i>, Will (played by Hugh Grant) trades his lack of enthusiasm toward children for a date with a beautiful woman who is also a single mother. <i>High Fidelity</i> features the trials and tribulations of a music junkie (played by John Cusack).</p>	F HOR	<p><u>Empire Falls</u></p> <p><u>Nobody's Fool</u></p> <p>Richard Russo</p> <p>Readers interested in stories about small town life will be sure to love any of Richard Russo's works. <i>Nobody's Fool</i> features an unlucky man (played by Paul Newman) in a deadbeat town in upstate New York who has to cope with numerous problems, including his long-estranged son, while <i>Empire Falls</i> follows the lives of various townspeople as they gather to eat at the Empire Grill.</p>
<p><u>Everything is Illuminated</u></p> <p>Jonathan Safran Foer</p> <p>Jonathan (played by Elijah Woods) travels to the Ukraine to learn about the history of the woman who saved his grandfather from the Nazis during World War II. With the help of Alex, a teenager obsessed with American culture, Alex's grouchy grandfather and Sammy Davis Junior Junior, a seeing eye bitch," the truth is eventually uncovered.</p>	F FOE	<p><u>The Shining</u></p> <p><u>Carrie</u></p> <p><u>The Green Mile</u></p> <p>Stephen King</p> <p>Stephen King is truly the "king" of the horror genre, specializing</p>	F KIN	<p><u>The Notebook</u></p> <p>Nicholas Sparks</p> <p>An elderly man decides to read a story from a notebook to a woman who doesn't recognize him. The story? – a modern Romeo and Juliet set in the 1950s. Both the film and book are absolute tear-jerkers, complete with a surprise "twist" at the end.</p>