



2019 Holiday Gift Guide

Recommendations in this Holiday Gift Guide were made by the diverse and extremely well-read staff of the Amarillo Public Library.

If you're still stumped for a gift idea, feel free to ask a library staff member for additional suggestions.

From all of us at APL, we wish you a safe and happy Holiday Season!

2020

Dates to Remember:

Brown Bag

Book Sales:

April 3 - 5

September 11 - 13

November 20 - 22

AMA-CON 2020

August 1 & 2

Books to Broadway

Concert

Thursday, October 22

Americans and the Holocaust

**Exhibit from the
United States Holocaust
Memorial Museum
and the**

American Library Association

October 28 through

December 9

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Amarillo Public Library's five
locations this holiday season!**

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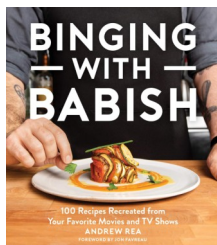
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For Music Lovers

***Country Music: An Illustrated History* by Dayton Duncan; with a preface by Ken Burns.**

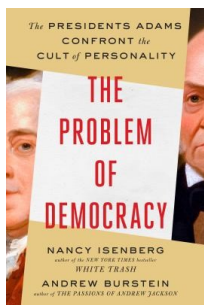
The rich and colorful story of America's most popular music and the singers and songwriters who captivated, entertained, and consoled listeners throughout the twentieth century.



For Foodies Who Love Pop Culture

***Binging with Babish: 100 Recipes Recreated from Your Favorite Movies and TV Shows* by Andrew Rea**

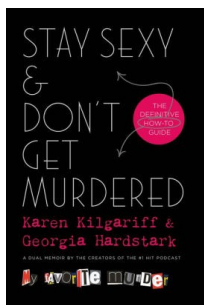
The host of one of the most popular food programs on the internet presents a collection of recipes recreated from beloved movies and TV shows.



For History Buffs Who Follow Contemporary Politics

***The Problem of Democracy: The Presidents Adams Confront the Cult of Personality* by Nancy Isenberg**

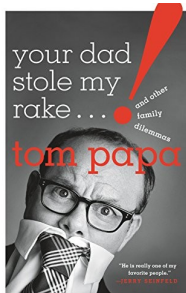
How the father and son presidents foresaw the rise of the cult of personality and fought those who sought to abuse the weaknesses inherent in our democracy.



For True Crime Fans with a Sense of Humor

***Stay Sexy & Don't Get Murdered: The Definitive How-To Guide* by Karen Kilgariff and Georgia Hardstark**

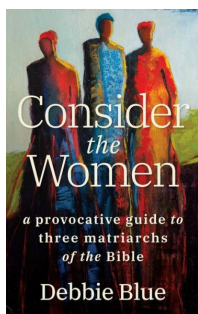
Karen Kilgariff and Georgia Hardstark, the voices behind the #1 hit podcast *My Favorite Murder*, focus on the importance of self-advocating and valuing personal safety over being 'nice' or 'helpful' in their highly anticipated first book.



For Your Crazy Relatives

Your Dad Stole My Rake: And Other Family Dilemmas by Tom Papa

How do you deal with a life filled with a whole host of characters and their bizarre, inescapable behavior? Especially when you're related to them? Tom Papa has written a warm and hilarious book that saws deep into every branch of the family tree and uncovers the most bizarre and surprisingly meaningful aspects of our lives.



For Spiritual Feminists

Consider the Women: A Provocative Guide to Three Matriarchs of the Bible

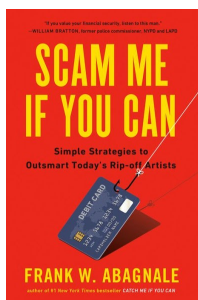
Among the mostly male-dominated narratives in Scripture, the stories of women can be game-changing. Debbie Blue looks closely at Hagar (mother of Islam), Esther (Jewish heroine), and Mary (Christian matriarch)--and finds in them unexpected and inviting new ways of navigating faith and life.



For Space Geeks

Infinite Wonder: An Astronaut's Photographs From a Year in Space by Scott Kelly

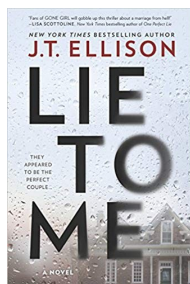
From the record-breaking astronaut, national hero, and bestselling author of *Endurance*, a breathtaking collection of photos documenting Kelly's journey on the International Space Station, the vastness of space, and the unparalleled beauty of our own home planet.



For the Watchful and Wary

Scam Me If You Can: Simple Strategies to Outsmart Today's Rip-off Artists by Frank Abagnale

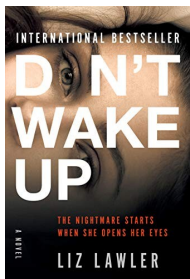
Former con artist and bestselling author of *Catch Me If You Can* Frank Abagnale shows you how to stop scammers in their tracks.



For Fans of Domestic Noir

Lie to Me by J.T. Ellison

Sutton and Ethan Montclair's idyllic life is not as it appears. They seem made for each other, but the truth is ugly. Consumed by professional and personal betrayals and financial woes, the two both love and hate each other. As tensions mount, Sutton disappears, leaving behind a note saying not to look for her.



For Insomniacs

Don't Wake Up by Liz Lawler

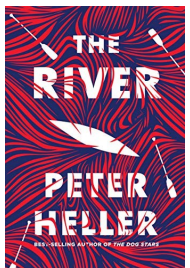
A harrowing psychological thriller debut about a woman who awakens after an assault with no physical proof of the attack and who must try to convince everyone of what really happened.



For Those Who Like a Twist at the End

Sometimes I Lie by Alice Feeney

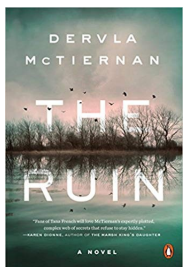
Amber wakes up in a hospital. She can't move. She can't speak. She can't open her eyes. She can hear everyone around her, but they have no idea. Amber doesn't remember what happened, but she has a suspicion her husband had something to do with it.



For Outdoor Adventure Enthusiasts

The River by Peter Heller

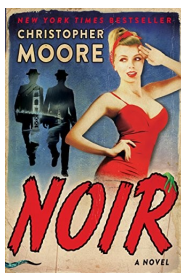
Two college students go on a wilderness canoe trip together and find their friendship tested by fire, white water, and violence.



For Fans of Tana French

The Ruin by Dervla McTiernan

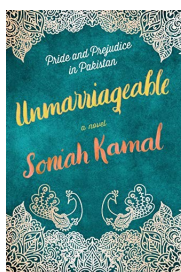
Cormac Reilly is a young police officer called to what is described by the caller as a domestic. The scene he finds in the decaying manor house haunts him for years until he is pulled back into the open mystery.



For Pulp and Science Fiction Lovers

Noir by Christopher Moore

Moore returns in finest madcap form with this zany noir set on the mean streets of post-World War II San Francisco, and featuring a diverse cast of characters, including a hapless bartender; his Chinese sidekick; a doll with sharp angles and dangerous curves; a tight-lipped Air Force general; a wisecracking waif; Petey, a black mamba; and many more.



For Fans of *Pride and Prejudice* and *Bridget Jones' Diary*

Unmarriageable by Soniah Kamal

This tale of love in the 21st century is funny and enthralling. Meet the Binat family, and enjoy the ride as Alys and Jena, the two eldest daughters, negotiate the class-conscious society of Pakistan.



For Fans of *Good vs. Evil* Stories

The Institute by Stephen King

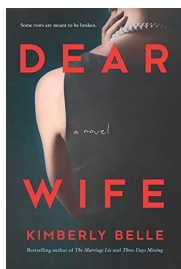
A sinister organization called The Institute abducts a young boy with telekinetic abilities after murdering his family.



For Readers Who Like Mixing Power Struggles with Power Ballads

We Sold Our Souls by Grady Hendrix

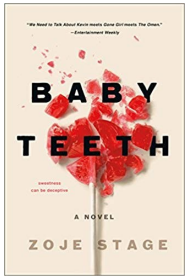
In this hard-rocking supernatural thriller, the washed-up guitarist of a '90s heavy metal band embarks on an epic road-trip across America and deep into the web of a sinister conspiracy.



For Those Who Like to be Kept Guessing

Dear Wife by Kimberly Belle

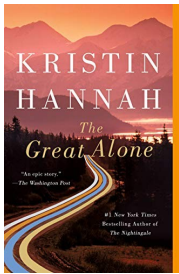
For nearly a year, Beth has been planning for this day. Some people might call it any other Wednesday, but Beth prefers to see it as her new beginning--one with a new look, new name, and new city. Beth has given her plan significant thought, because one small slip and her violent husband will find her.



For Fans of *Gone Girl* and *The Omen*

Baby Teeth by Zoje Stage

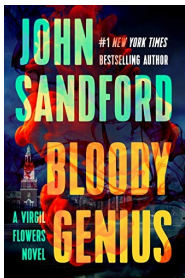
Afflicted with a chronic debilitating condition, Suzette Jensen knew having children would wreak havoc on her already fragile body. Nevertheless, she brought Hanna into the world, pleased and proud to start a family with her husband Alex... But Hanna proves to be a difficult child. Now seven years old, she has yet to utter a word, despite being able to read and write. Defiant and anti-social, she refuses to behave in kindergarten classes, forcing Suzette to homeschool her. Resentful of her mother's rules and attentions, Hanna lashes out in anger, becoming more aggressive every day.



For Readers Who Like a Good Wilderness Survival Drama

The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah

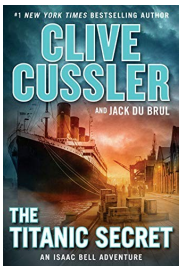
Alaska: unpredictable, unforgiving and untamed. When her volatile, former POW father impulsively moves the family to mid-1970s Alaska to live off the land, young Leni and her mother are forced to confront the dangers of their lack of preparedness in the wake of a dangerous winter season.



For Fans of Irreverent Detectives

Bloody Genius by John Sandford

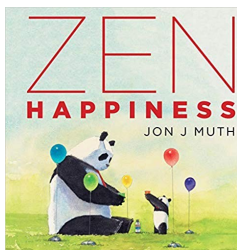
At the local state university, two feuding departments have faced off on the battleground of PC culture. Each carries their views to extremes that may seem absurd, but highly educated people of sound mind and good intentions can reasonably disagree, right? Then someone winds up dead, and Virgil Flowers is brought in to investigate.



For Armchair Adventurers

The Titanic Secret by Clive Cussler

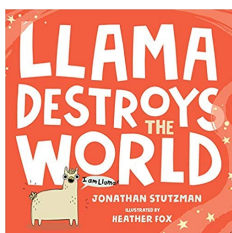
When NUMA Director Dirk Pitt finds a document inside an antiquated submersible left behind a century earlier by legendary detective Isaac Bell, it reopens a mystery involving an international power scheme aimed at seizing control of a rare element.



For Readers Seeking Peace of Mind

Zen Happiness by Jon J. Muth

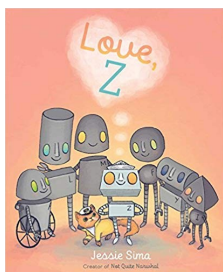
This beautiful, small-format gift book contains twelve inspiring and affirmational sayings that take on deeper meaning when paired with the author/illustrator's beloved panda bear, Stillwater.



For Fans of Humorous End-of-the-World Stories

Llama Destroys the World by Jonathan Stutzman

Llama has everything he needs for a great week: delicious cake, pants made for dancing, a giant RIP in his pants, a black hole (wait... WHAT!?), the end of the world (that wasn't supposed to happen). No matter what... Llama is going to make the best of it!



For Those Who Ask the Big Questions (And Seek the Answers Themselves)

Love, Z by Jessie Sima

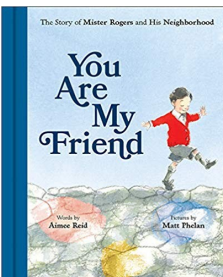
A little robot named Z finds a message in a bottle signed, "Love, Beatrice" and, unable to learn what love is from other robots, sets out on a quest to find the answer.



For Lovers of All Things Star Wars

Are You Scared, Darth Vader? by Adam Rex

A funny story that looks at how the most-feared villain, who says he isn't scared of anything, might not be so fearless after all.



For Admirers of Mr. Rogers

You Are My Friend by Aimee Reid

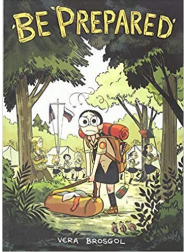
This beautifully illustrated biographical story celebrates the work and life of Mister Rogers and carries on his legacy of kindness.



For Lovers of Magic and Beautiful Language

***The Lost Girl* by Anne Ursu**

When they are separated for the first time since birth, Iris and Lark struggle with insecurities over their individual identities at the same time things begin to go missing around town.



For Anyone Who Has Ever Resented Going Camping

***Be Prepared* by Vera Brosgol**

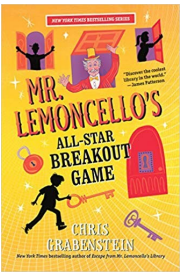
A misfit girl and her brother attend summer camp, where they struggle with primitive plumbing, snobby tentmates, and boys-versus-girls competitions.



For Fans of Baking and Magic

***Love Sugar Magic: A Dash of Trouble* by Anna Meriano**

Wanting to be a part of her family's *Dia de los Muertos* preparations, Leonora sneaks out of school to discover her mother, aunt, and older sisters have been keeping a secret.



For Puzzle Solvers

***Mr. Lemoncello's All-Star Breakout Game* by Chris Grabenstein**

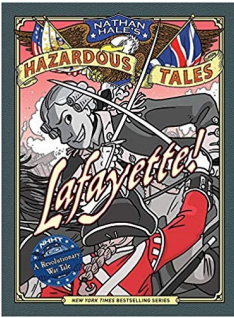
To win Mr. Lemoncello's new television game show, Kyle and his team have to break out of their comfort zone and walk a mile in other characters' shoes and figure out how to unlock a series of locks and break out of the game before their competition.



For Kids Who Like Ghost Stories

***City of Ghosts* by Victoria Schwab**

Ever since her near-fatal drowning, Cassidy has been able to pull back the "Veil" that separates the living from the dead and see ghosts, not that she wants to, and she was really looking forward to a ghost-free summer at the beach; however her parents are going to start filming a TV series about the world's most haunted places, starting with Edinburgh with its graveyards, castles, and restless phantoms--and Cass and her personal ghost companion, Jacob, are about to find out that a city of old ghosts can be a very dangerous place indeed.

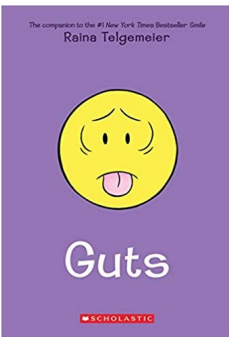


For the Comically Inclined History Buff

Lafayette! (Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales #8):

A Revolutionary War Tale by Nathan Hale

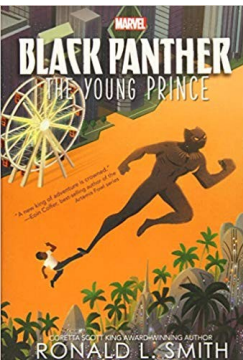
Gilbert du Motier became the Marquis de Lafayette at a young age, but he was not satisfied with the comforts of French nobility--he wanted adventure! A captain at eighteen and a major general by nineteen, he was eager to prove himself in battle. When he heard about the Revolution going on in America, he went overseas and fought alongside Alexander Hamilton and George Washington for America's independence. Nathan Hale's *Hazardous Tales* are graphic novels that tell the thrilling, shocking, gruesome, and TRUE stories of American history. Read them all--if you dare!



For Readers Who Love Graphic Novels, But Don't Care for Superheroes

Guts by Raina Telgemeier

Raina wakes up one night with a terrible upset stomach. Her mom has one, too, so it's probably just a bug. Raina eventually returns to school, where she's dealing with the usual highs and lows: friends, not-friends, and classmates who think the school year is just one long gross-out session. It soon becomes clear that Raina's tummy trouble isn't going away... and it coincides with her worries about food, school, and changing friendships. What's going on?



For Readers Who Love Superheroes, But Don't Care for Graphic Novels

Black Panther: The Young Prince

by Ronald L. Smith

T'Challa is the 12-year-old prince of Wakanda, an isolated, technologically advanced African nation. In order to protect his friends and stop an ancient evil, T'Challa must take on the mantle of a hero, setting him on the path to becoming the Black Panther.



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***Black Hammer* by Jeff Lemire**

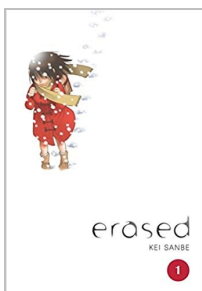
Once they were heroes, but the age of heroes has long since passed. Banished from existence by a multiversal crisis, the old champions of Spiral City-- Abraham Slam, Golden Gail, Colonel Weird, Madame Dragonfly, and Barbalien--now lead simple lives in an idyllic, timeless farming village from which there is no escape! But as they employ all of their super abilities to free themselves from this strange purgatory, a mysterious stranger works to bring them back into action for one last adventure!



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***Wonder Woman: Warbringer* by Leigh Bardugo**

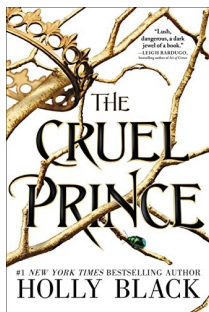
Diana, Princess of the Amazons, longs to prove herself to her warrior sisters. When the opportunity comes, she throws away her chance at glory and breaks Amazon law to save a mere mortal.



For Fans of High-Stakes Time Travel

***Erased* by Kei Sanbe**

A terrible incident forever changes Satoru's life as he knows it...and with it, comes a 'Revival' that sends Satoru eighteen years into the past! In the body of his boyhood self, Satoru encounters sights he never imagined he would see again--the smile of his mother, alive and well, his old friends, and Kayo Hinazuki, the girl who was kidnapped and murdered when he was a boy the first time around. To return to the present and prevent the tragedy that brought him back to his childhood in the first place, Satoru begins plotting a way to change Hinazuki's fate... But up against the clock and a faceless evil, does eleven-year-old Satoru even stand a chance?



For Fans of Dark Fantasy

***The Cruel Prince* by Holly Black**

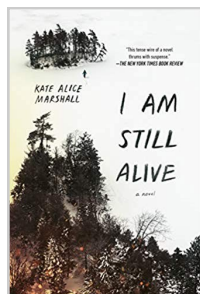
Jude was seven years old when her parents were murdered and she and her two sisters were stolen away to live in the treacherous High Court of Faerie. Ten years later, Jude wants nothing more than to belong there, despite her mortality. But many of the fey despise humans. Especially Prince Cardan, the youngest and wickedest son of the High King. To win a place at the Court, she must defy him--and face the consequences.



For Readers Who Are Hurting, Hunting, Healing--Or All Three at Once

***Sawkill Girls* by Claire Legrand**

From the *New York Times*-bestselling author of *Furyborn* comes a breathtaking and spine-tingling novel about three teenage girls who face off against an insidious monster that preys upon young women. Perfect for fans of *Stranger Things*.



For Survivalists

***I Am Still Alive* by Kate Alice Marshall**

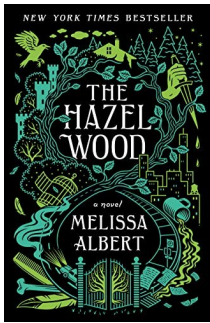
Cheryl Strayed's *Wild* meets *The Revenant* in this heart-pounding story of survival and revenge in the unforgiving wilderness.



For Those Who Can't Get Enough Super-Powered Crossovers

***Justice League/Power Rangers* by Tom Taylor**

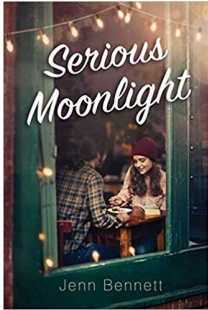
When a teleporter accident brings the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers from Angel Grove to Gotham City, Batman isn't sure what to make of these masked martial artists and their highly suspicious giant robot dinosaurs. It's time to call in the DC Universe's greatest heroes--the Justice League!



For Readers Who Love *Alice in Wonderland*

The Hazel Wood by Melissa Albert

When the scary, magical world in her grandmother's book of dark feminist fairy tales becomes real, seventeen-year-old Alice, partnered with Ellery, an obsessed fan of the fairy tales, must enter the world to rescue Alice's kidnapped mother.



For Classic Mystery Enthusiasts

Serious Moonlight by Jenn Bennett

Eighteen-year-old, mystery-loving Birdie's new job at a historic Seattle hotel leads her and her co-worker, Daniel, to a real mystery about a reclusive writer who resides there.



For Hip-Hop Fans and Readers Interested in Social Justice

On the Come Up by Angie Thomas

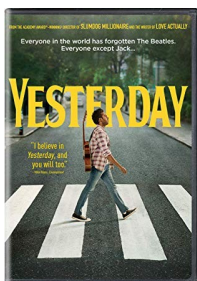
Insightful, unflinching, and full of heart, *On the Come Up* is an ode to hip hop from one of the most influential literary voices of a generation. It is the story of fighting for your dreams, even as the odds are stacked against you; and about how, especially for young black people, freedom of speech isn't always free.



For Fans of Supernatural, Action-Packed Fantasy

Lady Midnight by Cassandra Clare

Emma Carstairs and Julian Blackthorn are parabatai, platonically bonded warrior lifemates, sworn to each other since they were both orphaned at 12. Julian, responsible for his four younger siblings, became grave and adult before his time, while Emma grew reckless and obsessed with revenge. Now a series of occult murders has caught Emma's attention. The Clave insists that her parents' deaths were related to the war, so true to Shadowhunter form, the teens take matters into their own hands as they pursue a dangerous truth that will unlock secrets of betrayal, obsession, and revenge.



For Beatles Fans

Yesterday

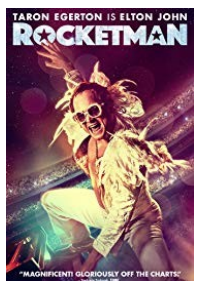
Jack Malik was just another struggling songwriter... but that was yesterday. After a mysterious blackout, Jack (Himesh Patel) discovers he is the only person on earth who remembers The Beatles! As he rockets to fame by passing off the Fab Four's songs as his own, Jack risks losing Ellie (Lily James)--the one person who has loved him and believed in him from the start. Before the door to his old life closes forever, Jack must decide if all he needs is love, after all.



For Action Movie Fans Who Love Dogs

John Wick: Chapter 3 – Parabellum

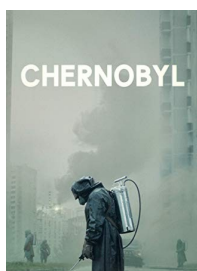
Super assassin John Wick (Keanu Reeves) is on the run after killing a member of the international assassin's guild, and with a \$14 million price tag on his head he is the target of hit men and women everywhere.



For Fans of Flashy Musical Bio-Pics

Rocket Man

Rocketman is a one-of-a-kind musical celebration set to Elton John's most beloved songs. Discover how a shy, small-town boy becomes one of the most iconic figures in rock & roll.



For Anyone Who Enjoys Productions Based on True Events

Chernobyl

In April 1986, an explosion at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics becomes one of the world's worst man-made catastrophes. This gripping 5-part HBO miniseries tells the powerful and visceral story of this event and its aftermath.



For Those Who Want a Road Trip with Your Favorite Family

Toy Story 4

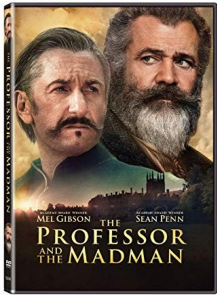
When Woody, Buzz and the gang join Bonnie's family on a road trip with her new craft-project-turned-toy, Forky, the little spork's innocence of what it means to be a toy sends Woody on a wild quest filled with unexpected new characters--and one long-lost friend.



For Fans of All Things Marvel

Avengers: Endgame

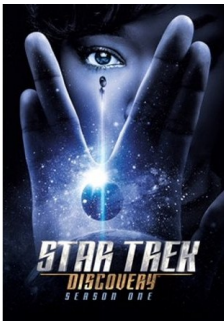
The grave course of events set in motion by Thanos that wiped out half the universe and fractured their ranks compels the remaining superheroes to take one final stand in the grand conclusion to twenty-two films.



For Film Buffs Who Are Also Word Nerds

The Professor And The Madman

Professor James Murray begins work compiling words for the first edition of the Oxford English Dictionary in the mid 19th century, and receives over 10,000 entries from a patient at Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum, Dr. William Minor.



For a New Generation of Trekkies

Star Trek Discovery: Seasons 1 & 2

Discovery follows the voyages of Starfleet on their missions to discover new worlds and new life forms, and one Starfleet officer who must learn that to truly understand all things alien, you must first understand yourself.





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