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Robin Williams 1951 - 2014



Last night I read that we had lost one of the greats; Robin Williams was no longer with us. When we think of him we most often think of his almost manic comedy. He was one of the best, and perhaps one of the few that could go one on one with the late great Johnathan Winters in comedy improvisation. We know however that Robin Williams was also a great actor. Like many comedians his view of life gave him great insight into the human condition and he was able to bring this to his more serious roles. He will be missed.

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The Lone Ranger (2013)



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?Narrator: A fiery horse with the speed of light, a cloud of dust and a hearty "Hi-yo Silver" - the Lone Ranger! With his faithful Indian companion, Tonto, the daring and resourceful masked rider of ?..

Wait, wait, wait, **wait!** ? this is not THAT Lone Ranger and perhaps this is one reason why Walt Disney?s reboot of the iconographic persona of this legendary western hero did not do as well as expected at the box office. From the moment this new production of *The Lone Ranger* was announced it was compared with the 1950s television show starring Clayton Moore (and for a short while John Hart) and Jay Silverheels. It seemed it was destined to be a train wreck from the beginning. However, I love trains and as much as I hate to admit it, I?m always willing to look at a train wreck, no matter how much it pains me. So I dutifully checked out this new version of *The Lone Ranger* and watched it, knowing from the start that it wasn?t going to be my Lone Ranger and Tonto [Read more](#)

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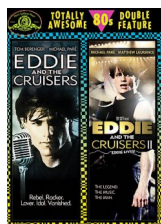
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Eddie and the Cruisers



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Eddie and the Cruisers is the story of a fictional band from the early ?60s, their rise to fame and the death of their leader and chief wordsmith, Eddie Wilson. The story itself seems to be inspired by two real life events; the death of Doors lead singer Jim Morrison and the sudden decision by Brian Wilson of The Beach Boys to shelve the band?s album *Smile*. Like singer Jim Morrison, Eddie Wilson is a master in putting words and music together in ways that convey feeling while still containing the drive and energy to make a great song. Like Brian Wilson, Eddie is forward thinking in his writing style and wants to produce a piece that is not simply rock and roll, but something that will be remembered for all time even if it is vastly different than anything he has done before. [Read more](#)

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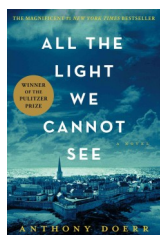
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All the Light We Cannot See



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A blind French girl. A brilliant German boy. A locksmith who works at a world-class museum. A French resistance worker who doubles as a housewife. An agoraphobic great uncle who has not left home since the close of the last war, WWI. A Nazi army gem expert who prowls after a world-class jewel that he believes will cure his advanced cancer.

These are the main characters that people this fascinating WWII novel. Tying them all together are radio signals and a blue diamond worth millions.

The novel alternates (mostly) between the points of view of Marie-Laure, a blind girl and Werner, an orphan who teaches himself advanced radio skills. Marie-Laure has been blind since the age of six. Just after the German occupation, she and her locksmith father flee Paris, but soon after the Germans take and imprison her father.

A myth surrounds the blue diamond itself. Marie-Laure learned about the diamond early in her life. The myth says that anyone who carries it will have bad luck befall them. Unfortunately, the museum director entrusts the locksmith with this diamond as the Germans enter Paris. He also ordered two other duplicates created to confuse anyone trying to track the diamond. None of the three employees trusted with the diamond know who has the real one. [Read more](#)

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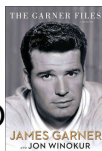
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Jame Garner



Over the weekend we lost one of my favorite film and television stars, James Garner. He is perhaps best known for his starring roles in the television series Maverick and The Rockford Files. His film roles were varied, often funny, but almost always heartwarming. The link below will provide you with list of movies and books in the MCPL collection featuring this well beloved star.

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The 10th Kingdom



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The 10 Kingdom is another in my list of movies and shows that I try to watch every year. I have a lot of those and honestly I don't succeed in watching more than one or two of them over again each year. The 10th Kingdom is partially why this happens. Being a three part mini-series, it takes up much of the time I would use to watch some of my other favorites. The 10th Kingdom takes place mainly in the magical land of the Nine Kingdoms or as we would call it, the fairy tale worlds of old. Rebellion and war are afoot. Prince Wendell is soon to be crowned king of Snow White's former Kingdom; however his wicked step mother, the Queen, has escaped her prison and joined with the leader of the Troll Kingdom who wants to expand his territory. [Read more](#)

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