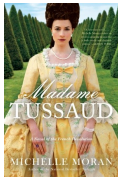


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Madame Tussaud and Read Alikes



Madame Tussaud is a historical fiction book by Michelle Moran based on the real Marie

Tussaud, a sculptress and museum owner in Paris. Apprenticed by her uncle, Marie learns the art of wax sculpting amid the politics, court intrigue, and massacres leading up to and during the French Revolution. Marie needs the museum to be profitable, but is often torn by personal loyalties and her desire for success. It was really refreshing to read a historical book with a strong female character who does more than sit around in fancy dresses and flirt with famous men. With a little digging, I uncovered a few more books that fit this description - historical fiction with strong women who earn income, love to learn, and are passionate about their careers!

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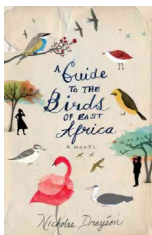
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A Guide to the Birds of East Africa



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Every Tuesday at 830 a.m., a group of ardent birders meets at the Nairobi Museum to search for some avian wildlife together. Mr. Malik, a retired businessman and owner of the Jolly Man Manufacturing Club, squeezes bird-watching into his schedule though he does have other commitments.

The leader of the group is the beautiful and charming widow, Rose Mbikwa, who came to Africa from England and never left to her parents' great consternation. Her husband was arrested for political activity and later died in a mysterious light plane accident.

On this day, Rose announces that she is leaving for England for an eye operation. Also a new birder has joined the group, an old school acquaintance of Mr. Malik's from long-ago. Harry Kahn keeps calling Malik by old nicknames, ones Malik did not like in the old days and likes even less now. Complicating the plot--both really like Rose. [Read more](#)

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Rosie Nominations and Romance Books



In a traditional romance, the heroine meets the hero and sparks fly. And often even though there is attraction, the hero and heroine don't always like each other very much at first. Of course in a romance, they are able to work out their differences and end up happily ever after. While in many ways *Love and Leftovers* was a traditional romance, the hero and heroine are already dating when you first meet them! Marcie and Lionel are dating but there aren't any sparks. Marcie's family falls apart and she is forced to move across country with her mother. She struggles to keep her relationship going long distance, but is distracted by her mother's depression and making friends at her new school. When sparks start to fly with a new local boy, Marcie gets even more confused. [Read more](#)

Posted by sshowman on July 2, 2013

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If you liked The Horse Whisperer, try these.

There is a special connection between humans and animals; the most fascinating being between humans and horses. Did you see the Horse Whisperer? Did you enjoy it? If so, here are five other movies you might like:

Buck: A richly textured and visually stunning film, follows Buck Brannaman from his abusive childhood to his phenomenally successful approach to horses.

The Wild Horse Redemption: Documents the Wild Horse Inmate Program, through which inmates at the East Canon Correctional Complex learn the non-coercive methods of horse whisperers to tame and train the horses for adoption.

Horses: The Story of Equus: Explores the lives and qualities of three remarkable equines.

Horse: An introduction to horses that explores the history and varieties of horses, and the links

between horses and humankind.

Wild Horse, Wild Ride: Each year, through the Extreme Mustang Makeover Challenge, 100 people across the country attempt to tame a wild mustang in 100 days.

Posted by Burl C. on July 2, 2013

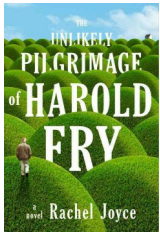
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Next Booksplus Meeting on Sunday July 7



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Booksplus, a library book discussion program for adults, will be talking about Rachel Joyce's first novel *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*. It's a book about a long journey to help a friend.

One morning shortly after he retired, Harold received a letter from Queenie Hennessy, his love from long ago. She informs him that she is in a nursing home and dying. He writes a bland message on a card, yet on the way to the mailbox, he decides that he must deliver it to Queenie in person. Thus, Harold begins his pilgrimage where he encounters many interesting people who teach him--old as he is--about life. And what about his wife, Maureen, whom he left at home?

She too is jolted and changed by Harold's journey. [Read more](#)

Posted by Dory L. on June 28, 2013

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Farewell, My Queen



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This is a movie that came out last year about the last days of the court of Marie Antoinette and Louis XVI as seen through the eyes of one of her servants. It is based on the bestselling book from 2004. For those of you that like costume dramas, this has plenty to look at (costumes and occasionally what's underneath them), but the film is really concerned with showing the complete lack of organization among those involved at Versailles during the chaotic beginnings of the French Revolution. Read more

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