

What's inside this month? A very special New Year's gift for you
* Bookish Adventures * Book Review * Event Schedule * Plus
more bookish goodness

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EVENTS

February 10, 2019
(TENTATIVE)
Square Tomatoes Davis
Craft & Vintage Fair
Sunday, 11am - 4pm
Central Park
3rd and C Streets
Davis, CA

September 15, 2019
Jewish Food Faire
Sunday 9am – 3pm
Congregation Beth
Shalom
4746 El Camino Ave.
Carmichael, CA

September 21, 2019
Benicia Fine Arts and
Crafts
Saturday 10am – 4pm
First Street
Benicia, CA

October 25-27, 2019
Sacramento Arts Festival
Friday and Saturday
10am – 6pm
Sunday 10am – 5pm
Cal Expo Buildings A&B
Sacramento, CA



Thank you! I want to thank each and every one of you for an absolutely fantastic year at My Booklandia. Whether you were an online shopper or I had the privilege to meet you at a craft show in the area -- THANK YOU!!!

My customers are the best customers anywhere. And I know that for a fact because I've met lots of you. If it wasn't for you, there would be no My Booklandia.

In appreciation and in celebration of the new year here's a secret VIP coupon code good for my wonderful newsletter subscribers and good only on [My Booklandia's website](#). In honor of the new

I'm always adding to my schedule, so if you have an event you'd like My Booklandia to attend, just let me know.

year use **JAN2019VIP** for 20.19% off any order over \$75. Don't delay though, because this coupon expires Jan 31, 2019.

And you thought gift giving was over!

FUN BOOK FACTS

The science of the scent of old books...

Believe it or not, the fragrance of old books can be used for historical dating. This process is called "material degradomics". Much like with carbon-dating, scientists can analyze the chemicals responsible for the "old book smell" to determine the age of a book. Personally I do most of my research on the internet, but there are a few books on my shelves that are elusive and evade my research. I think the technique is beyond my capabilities though. I'll just enjoy them however old they happen to be.

"If I had not existed, someone else would have written me, Hemingway, Dostoyevsky, all of us."
- William Faulkner



Bookish Adventures - the Brontes!

Are you a fan of the Brontes? If you are planning a trip to England sometime in the future you will have to visit Yorkshire and these wonderful Bronte-esque delights.

1. Start at the village of Thornton, the Bronte's birthplace. Take a walk down Market Street and find a plaque commemorating their births. The latest info says there's a charming tea room on the site. Sounds like a perfect place for afternoon tea!
2. Next visit Hayworth, The Parsonage, for the next stop in your Bronte adventure. In this home the Brontes experienced many tragedies including the loss of their mother and two sisters. It's now a museum so you can get your fill of all things Bronte.
3. Follow that up with a visit to the moors to drink in the ambiance of the Yorkshire countryside while visiting West Yorkshire and the East Lancashire Pennines.
4. Continue your adventure with a visit to Top Withins, thought to be a possible site for tragic Wuthering Heights. Apparently there is a lot of disagreement as to whether this was true or not, but there's a walking path from Top Withins to the waterfall mentioned by Charlotte Bronte in 1854.

"Arthur suggested the idea of the waterfall; after the melted snow, he said it would be fine. I had often wished to see it in its winter power, so we walked on. It was fine indeed; a perfect torrent

GOT FEEDBACK?

I'd love to hear from you. If there's anything you want to add, questions you'd like to ask, photos or reviews you'd like to see, just drop me an email!

racing over the rocks, white and beautiful!"

Be sure to wear your hiking boots!

5. After a vigorous tromp over the moors a visit to Norton Conyer's House in North Yorkshire is in order. It's said to be the inspiration for Thornfield Hall from Jane Eyre. It's open for visits on selected dates.
6. The last stop on the Bronte tour is Oakwell Hall Kirklees. It used to be a working school and was the basis for Fieldhead in Charlotte Bronte's novel "Shirley." It's now a Heritage site and open to visitors.
7. After you leave the moors, top off your Bronte-fest and visit the National Portrait Gallery in London where there are Bronte portraits and manuscripts on display.

**Brideshead Revisited**

by Evelyn Waugh

I often wear a shirt that says "Don't judge a book by it's movie" at craft shows. And I firmly believe this. But there are a couple of exceptions that prove the rule.

One of my favorite books of all time is Brideshead Revisited, and one of my favorite television miniseries is a beautiful adaptation of the book. It's the older version (1981) with Jeremy Irons and it's not only a wonderful adaptation, but the cinematography is wonderful.

There are multiple layers of the story. Charles Ryder goes to Oxford to

study and falls in with an upper class crowd led by Sebastian Flyte.

Charles is entranced with Sebastian and grows to be equally charmed with Sebastian's family and home, Brideshead.

The Flytes are a very old Catholic family and their religion, as well as the house itself, play a role in the story. The story takes place between WWI and WWII and Sebastian is obviously gay, in a time and place where he would be imprisoned for coming out. It's never really stated, but his guilt and his faith take a terrible toll on Sebastian. There are many layers to this story, but it's not complicated.

The book was originally published in 1945, but it's readily available in [paperback](#), [audiobook](#) and [ebook](#). It's a fairly short novel and probably takes less time to read than to watch the beautiful production. The miniseries is readily available to stream for free on [Amazon Prime](#) as well as other providers. Both are worth the time.

This winter pick a gloomy day and read or watch or both. Either way it's a treat. I'm planning to watch it again for probably the 10th time - or more. And at some point I'll imagine eating strawberries and champagne under a summer sky.



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