

# MVAH ZOOM Movie Club

April 20, 2021 3pm

Next movie club: May 18th at 3PM

## Attendees:

Host: Barbara Brennan

Cher Terry	Kathi Hanrahan
Betsy Stephens	Sherry Griffin
Louise and Bob McClean	Barbara Knight
Carol and Joe Mattaino	Guest Speaker: Phil Hirschkop – co counsel for Loving v Virginia Supreme Court Case
Caryl Curry	

**Movie 1. Loving - Netflix** Amazon Prime video

**MVAH Movie Club Average rating: 4.8 out of 5.**

**Loving** is a 2016 American biographical romantic drama film which tells the story of Richard and Mildred Loving, the plaintiffs in the 1967 U.S. Supreme Court (the Warren Court) decision *Loving v. Virginia*, which invalidated state laws prohibiting interracial marriage.

Note: I wanted to thank Caryl Curry for inviting Phil Hirschkop to speak to the Movie Club concerning his role in the *Loving v Virginia* Supreme Court Case. He provided many details surrounding the case – the prejudice and racism in Virginia. And as a result of the Supreme Courts decision to see interracial marriages as unconstitutional over 170 laws related to this were revoked in the country and at least 15 other states abandoned their laws relating to this. So sorry I didn't record his remarks – I promise to do it next time we have a special guest!

**Movie 2. The Professor and the Madman - Amazon Prime Video**

**MVAH Movie Club Average rating: 4 out of 5.**

The movie, *The Professor and the Madman* is based on a 1998 book by Simon Winchester. The first edition was called *The Surgeon of Crowthorne: A Tale of Murder, Madness, and the Love of Words*. ... And to further the fact that it's based on a true story, the book is categorized as a biography. Stars Shaun Penn and Mel Gibson

Based on the 1998 book 'The Surgeon of Crowthorne' by Simon Winchester, the life of Professor James Murray is portrayed as he begins work on compiling words for the first edition of the Oxford English Dictionary in the mid-19th century. As he led the overseeing committee,

the professor received over 10,000 entries from one source in particular - a patient at Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum, Dr William Minor.

## May Movie Selections

### 1. **Audrey** – Netflix

Filmmaker Helena Coan examines the remarkable life and career of actress, fashion icon and humanitarian Audrey Hepburn.

Malnourished as a child, abandoned by her father and growing up under Nazi occupation in Holland, Hepburn faced a life-long battle with the traumas of her past, which thwarted her dreams of becoming a ballet dancer, and cast a shadow over her personal life.

### 2. **84 Charing Cross Road** – Amazon Prime Video – 1987 film

Book by Helene Hanff published 1970. Made into a film about the twenty-year correspondence between the author and Frank Doel, chief buyer of Marks & Co antiquarian booksellers, located at the eponymous address in London, England. Based on true story by the author. Movie stars Ann Bancroft, Anthony Hopkins, Judi Dench, Maurice Denham. BAFTA Award for Best Actress in a Leading Role.