

MVAH ZOOM Movie Club
November 9, 2021 3pm
Next Movie Club: December 7, at 3PM

Attendees:

Host: Barbara Brennan

Cher Terry
Betsy Stephens
Louise and Bob McClean
Carol and Joe Mattaino
Kathi Hanrahan
Caryl Curry

Movie 1. Ladies in Lavender.

MVAH Movie Club Average rating: 4.7 out of 5.

– (Amazon Prime Video) 2004 British Drama. Stars Judi Dench and Maggie Smith.

Ladies in Lavender is a 2004 British drama film written and directed by Charles Dance. The screenplay is based on a 1908 short story by William J. Locke.

Taking place in pre-World War II England, aging sisters Ursula and Janet live peacefully in their cottage on the shore of Cornwall. One morning following a violent storm, the sisters spot from their garden a nearly-drowned man lying on the beach. They nurse him back to health and discover that he is Polish. Communicating in broken German while they teach him English, they learn his name is Andrea and that he is a particularly gifted violinist. His boat was on its way to America, where he is headed to look for a better life. It doesn't take long for them to become attached to Andrea, and they dote on him. Other townspeople, however, have their suspicions, especially when he befriends a Russian woman, Olga.

Movie 2. RADIOACTIVE (Amazon prime video) Biography, drama, romance.

MVAH Movie Club Average rating: 2.9 out of 5.

RADIOACTIVE – 2019 (Amazon Prime Video). Biography, Drama, Romance

Radioactive (film) - Wikipedia[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radioactive_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radioactive_(film))

Radioactive is a 2019 British biographical drama film written by Jack Thorne, directed by Marjane Satrapi and starring Rosamund Pike as Marie Curie.

Box office: \$3.5 million Screenplay by: Jack Thorne Country: United Kingdom

Edited by: Stéphane Roche.

The incredible true story of Marie Skłodowska-Curie and her Nobel Prize-winning work that changed the world.

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RED JOAN – (Netflix) Jennie Rooney's book Red Joan is inspired by the story she found but isn't based on the true story, there are quite a few differences between the two. ... The “granny spy” went on to inspire Rooney's novel, and then the film of the same name starring Judi Dench and Sophie Cook, which is now out on digital release. Aug. 28, 2019. What did Melita Norwood do?

Melita Norwood was the Soviet Union's longest-serving British spy. From World War II through the Cold War, she stole nuclear secrets from the office where she worked as a secretary and passed them to Moscow. Apr 23, 2019. Red Joan is a film based, although highly romanticized, on the true story of spy Melita Norwood who stole British nuclear secrets for the Soviets.

Her story, told through the fictional character of Joan Stanley, is inextricably linked with the fate of the Cambridge spies, who were recruited by Soviet sympathizers at the university because they were likely to reach high positions in the British Government. The real Melita Norwood, known as 'Holla' by the Russians was an Englishwoman who worked at the Non-Ferrous Metals Research Association in London. The association was actually conducting secret nuclear weapons research in a joint project with the Americans codenamed 'Tube Alloy'.

PASSING (Netflix 2021) Starring Ruth Negga as Clare and Tessa Thompson as Irene.

Passing is a 2021 black-and-white drama film written, produced, and directed by Rebecca Hall in her feature directorial debut. The film is based on the 1929 novel of the same name by Nella Larsen, and its

title refers to African-Americans who had skin color light enough to be perceived as white, referred to as "passing." [2] The film stars Tessa Thompson, Ruth Negga, André Holland, Bill Camp, Gbenga Akinnagbe, Antoinette Crowe-Legacy, and Alexander Skarsgård.

The film had its world premiere at the 2021 Sundance Film Festival on January 30, 2021 and began a limited theatrical release on October 27, 2021, prior to streaming on Netflix on November 10. It received critical acclaim.