

Hard-to-like characters you'll love

Ann Cleeves • Vera Stanhope detective series, starting with *Hidden Depths*; a British TV series based on the books, *Vera*

Vladimir Nabokov • *Lolita*

Arthur Conan Doyle • Sherlock Holmes stories and four novels

Alan Bradley • Flavia de Luce amateur detective series, starting with *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*

Mark Haddon • *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*

Gillian Flynn • *Dark Places*

Gillian Flynn • *Gone Girl*

Nic Pizzolatto • *Galveston*

Sara Gran • *Claire DeWitt and the City of the Dead*

Jincy Willett • *The Writing Class*

Jincy Willett • *Amy Falls Down*

Michael Chabon • *Wonder Boys*

George R.R. Martin • Song of Ice and Fire series

Thomas Harris • *The Silence of the Lambs*; the film based on the book by the same title

Lynne Raimondo • Mark Angeliotti series, starting with *Dante's Wood*

LS Hilton • *Maestra*, new sequel *Domina*

Jim Thompson • *The Killer Inside Me*
Dexter

Patricia Highsmith • Tom Ripley series, starting with *The Talented Mr. Ripley*

Shirley Jackson • *We Have Always Lived in the Castle*

And humbly:

Lori Rader-Day • *The Black Hour*

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