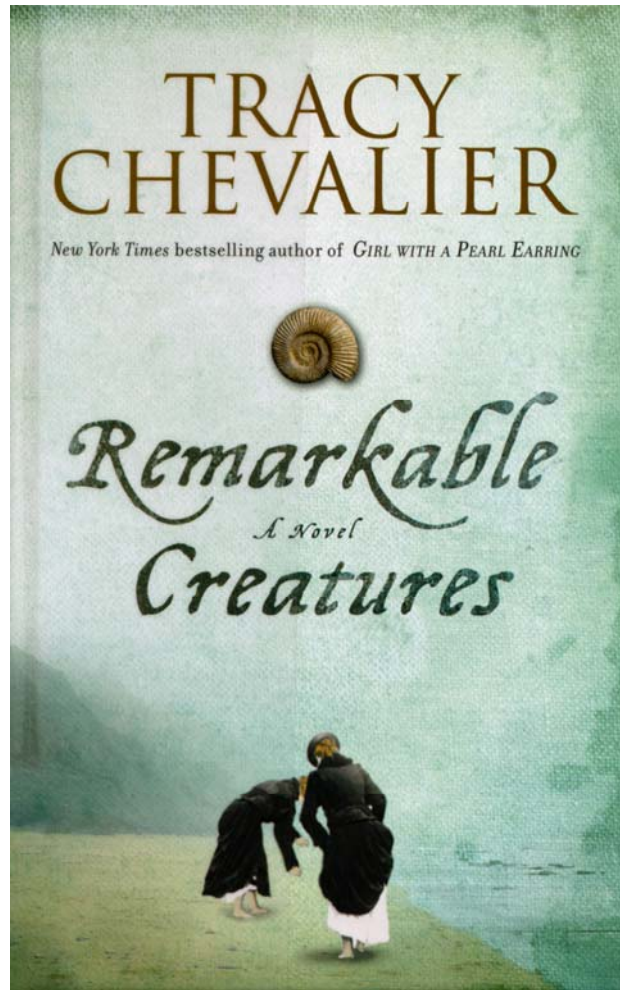


Reader's Roadmap

Helping you navigate the world of books



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Book of the Month
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Reader's Roadmaps enable readers to pursue threads of interest inspired by a book they've just read.

Remarkable Creatures F C5272r

Remarkable Creatures is based on the life of Mary Anning, a 19th-century fossil collector. Her discovery of ancient marine reptiles such as the ichthyosaur shook the scientific community and led to new ways of thinking about the creation of the world.

Working in an arena dominated by middle-class men, Mary finds herself out of step with her working-class background. In danger of being an outcast in her community, she takes solace in an unlikely friendship with Elizabeth Philpot, a London spinster with her own passion for fossils.

The strong bond between Mary and Elizabeth sees them through struggles with poverty, rivalry and ostracism, as well as the physical dangers of their chosen obsession.

Tracy Chevalier

Chevalier was born (1962) and raised in Washington, D.C. In 1984, after receiving her B.A. in English from Oberlin College, she moved to England where she worked several years as a reference book editor. Leaving her job in 1993, she began a year-long M.A. in creative writing at the University of East Anglia. Her tutors on the course were novelists Malcolm Bradbury and Rose Tremain. She now lives in London with her husband and son.

Chevalier has thus far published 6 books. Her career as an author began with the book *The Virgin Blue* but she became better known with her novel *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, a book based on the creation of the famous painting by Vermeer. The film based on the novel received three Academy Award nominations in 2004. *Remarkable Creatures* is her 6th novel.

MARY ANNING IN FICTION

Curiosity: a love story / by Joan Thomas
F T4582c

PALEONTOLOGY AND FOSSILS IN FICTION

The bone sharps / by Tim Bowling
F B7873b

Over the moon at the Big Lizard Diner / by Lisa Wingate.
F W7692o

The deep field / by James Bradley
F B8113d

PALEONTOLOGY AND FOSSILS

Grave secrets of dinosaurs: soft tissues and hard science /
by Phillip Lars Manning
567.9 M284

Rex appeal: the amazing story of Sue, the dinosaur that changed
science, the law, and my life / by Peter Larson and Kristin Donnan
567.9 L334

Beasts of Eden: walking whales, dawn horses, and other enigmas
of mammal evolution / by David Rains Wallace
569 W188

The meaning of fossils: episodes in the history of palaeontology /
by Martin J.S. Rudwick
560 R917

FEMALE FRIENDSHIPS IN FICTION

Beachcombers / by Nancy Thayer
F T372bea

Days of Grace / by Catherine Hall
F H1743d

Balancing acts / by Zoe Fishman
F F5375b

Nothing lasts forever / by Maureen Lee
F L479n

Wildwater walking club / by Claire Cook
F C7714w

We are all made of glue / by Marina Lewycka
F L678w

The shortest distance between two women / by Kris Radish
F R129s

FEMALE FRIENDSHIPS

The girls from Ames : a story of women and a forty-year
friendship / by Jeffrey Zaslow
920 Z39

Old books, rare friends : two literary sleuths and their shared
passion / by Leona Rostenberg and Madeleine Stern
027 R839

RELIGION AND SCIENCE

Galileo goes to jail and other myths about science and religion /
edited by Ronald L. Numbers
215 G158

The language of God : a scientist presents evidence for belief /
By Francis S. Collins.
215 C712

Challenging nature : the clash of science and spirituality at the
new frontiers of life / by Lee M. Silver
174.957 S587

The evolution-creation struggle / by Michael Ruse
231.7652 R949



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