

Library Lines

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Over the past few months, statistics show that we have been watching a whole lot of shows on Netflix and other streaming platforms. I like to binge watch just as much as the next person, but at a certain point, we run out of TV, or our eyes need a bit of a break from the screen. When that happens, we can always rely on another medium- books! Whether it's a retelling of the same story from a different perspective, source material, or just something in the same genre, when there is nothing left in your queue, here are a few recommendations!

Season two of *The Umbrella Academy* came out at the end of July, and if you can't wait for season three, you should check out the comics the show is based on! *The Umbrella Academy* is about a group of people who have superpowers, who were all adopted and raised in the same Academy together. As adults, they now have to stop the end of the world. There are three graphic novels that inspired the show, all written by Gerard Way. They are titled *The Umbrella Academy*, and are a super fun read, especially if you loved the TV show!

Although *Tiger King* took over America during the early months of staying at home, the story captivated audiences for a reason! The true crime was captivating, and who knows if Carole Baskin killed her husband or not?! Also, tigers are pretty cool! If you loved the show for the true crime aspect, you can check out *The Falcon Thief: A True Tale of Adventure, Treachery, and the Hunt for the Perfect Bird* by Joshua Hammer. If you really like big cats, check out *The Tribe of Tiger* by Elizabeth Marshall Thomas for an in-depth look at tigers, along with other kinds of cats.

The Witcher is a medieval fantasy show, based on the book series of the same name. The story explores the tale of Gerald of Rivea, Yennefer of Vengerberg, and Princess Ciri of Cintra, with a cast of other very fascinating characters. There is magic, political intrigue and much more. The story is perfect for people who loved *Game of Thrones*, although the political side takes a bit of a backseat in *The Witcher*. If you've watched the show, but not read the books, the perfect starting place is *Blood of Elves* by Andrzej Sapkowski. There are also a series of short stories that come before, and a standalone book, but starting off with *Blood of Elves* might be the simplest path!

The Haunting of Hill House, and the new show *The Haunting of Bly Manor* are both incredible horror shows based on books. They are both in *The Haunting* anthology series, but tell very different (and very scary!) stories. *The Haunting of Hill House* is based on *The Haunting of Hill House* by Shirley Jackson, and follows the Crain family in their attempt to renovate a haunted house, and their eventual reconingin with the effect it had on them. *The Haunting of Bly Manor* is based on *The Turn of the Screw* by Henry James, and tells the story of an au pair who arrives at her new charges home to find that it is haunted.