Books That Became Movies or TV Shows

Bethany Book Talk March 7, 2014 – Kris B.

**The Hobbit** by J.R.R. Tolkien

The Hobbit follows the quest of home-loving hobbit Bilbo Baggins to win a share of the treasure guarded by the dragon, Smaug. He joins a group of 13 dwarves on their journey to reclaim their homeland from Smaug.

- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (2012) [DVD]
  - This movie takes us a little over 1/3 of the way through the book.
- **The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug** (2013) [DVD]
- **The Hobbit: Battle of the Five Armies** (2014)

**The Walking Dead Volume 1: Days Gone By**

Written by Robert Kirkman
Drawn by Tony Moore

- **The Walking Dead** Season 1 (October 31, 2010 AMC) [DVD]
  - The fourth season is currently on TV and the show has been renewed for a fifth season, with a spin-off series planned.

**The Great Gatsby** by F. Scott Fitzgerald

A 1925 novel written by American author F. Scott Fitzgerald, that follows a cast of characters living in the fictional town of West Egg on prosperous Long Island in the summer of 1922. The story primarily concerns the young and mysterious millionaire Jay Gatsby and his quixotic passion for the beautiful Daisy Buchanan.

- **The Great Gatsby** (2013) [DVD]
  - Starring Leonardo Di Caprio and Tobey Maguire
  - Won Academy Awards for Best Production Design and Best Costume Design
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

A military science fiction novel. Set in Earth's future, the novel presents an imperiled mankind after two conflicts with the "Buggers", an insectoid alien species. In preparation for an anticipated third invasion, children, including the novel's protagonist, Ender Wiggin, are trained at a very young age through increasingly difficult games including some in zero gravity, where Ender's tactical genius is revealed.

Ender's Game (2013) [DVD]
Starring Asa Butterfield, Harrison Ford, and Ben Kingsley

Below Stairs by Margaret Powell

A compelling and colourful memoir that takes the reader inside the forgotten world of domestic service. Arriving at the great houses of 1920s London, fifteen-year-old Margaret's life in service was about to begin. As a kitchen maid – the lowest of the low – she entered an entirely new world.

Downton Abbey (2010) [DVD]
2010 is the UK release and 2011 is the US release.
Has completed season 4 on TV and a fifth season is planned for later this year.
Begins in pre-world war 1 England (North Yorkshire).

Upstairs Downstairs [DVD]
Original series 1971-1975 (1903-1930)

*Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey by The Countess of Carnarvon
*Lady Catherine, the Earl, and the Real Downton Abbey by Fiona, Countess of Carnarvon

12 Years a Slave by Solomon Northup

The memoir of Solomon Northup: An African American man living in the North in 1841 who was kidnapped and sold into slavery. He tells the story of the 12 years he spent as a slave in Louisiana.

Twelve Years a Slave (2013) [DVD]
Best Picture, Best Supporting Actress (Lupita Nyong'o), and Best Adapted Screenplay