

Industry and Empire:

Victoria Literature On Screen



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Welcome back to *Industry & Empire*. As we began to discover last week, Victorian Literature is a broad church, covering multiple genres and most importantly, being more than simply Charles Dickens and other headliners of the era.

We'll be expanding our reach this week with trio of authors who truly show off the range of the era's literature and further advance our understanding of how they have influenced cinema.

Anthony Trollope – who coincidentally wrote a book about Thackeray, one of last week's authors – was a civil servant whose novels were both acclaimed and berated in their time. His female characters have, in modern times, been especially acclaimed.

Wilkie Collins – a familiar of the aforementioned Mr Dickens – contributed greatly to the genres of the detective story and the 'sensation' novel and two of his works, *The Woman in White* and *The Moonstone* have become perennial TV and film adaptations.

And then we turn to our first American novelist living and working during the Victoria Era: Louisa May Alcott.

Needless to say it is *Little Women* and its sequels that have garnered the most attention, but her history is fascinating (often echoing that of her most famous heroine, Jo March) and, just for good measure, one of the film versions of *Little Women* might just feature a brief cameo from someone you'll recognise.

Onwards...

WEEK TWO FILMS

Anthony Trollope

Novels

Can You Forgive Her?

The Warden

Barchester Towers

The Way We Live Now

Doctor Thorne

TV/Films

The Pallisers (1974)

Hugh David & Ronald Wilson

The Barchester Chronicles (1982)

David Giles

The Way We Live Now (2001)

David Yates

Doctor Thorne (2016)

Niall MacCormick

Wilkie Collins

Novels

Basil

The Moonstone

The Woman in White

The New Magdalen

TV/Films

Basil (1998)

Radha Bharadwaj

The Woman in White (1917)

Ernest C. Warde

The Woman in White (2018)

Carl Tibbets

The Moonstone (1915)

Frank Hall Crane

The Moonstone (1972)

Paddy Russell

The Moonstone (2016)

Lisa Mulcahy

Secret Name (2021)

Aurélia Georges

Louisa May Alcott

Novels

Little Women

Little Men

An Old Fashioned Girl

TV/Films

Little Women (1933)

George Cukor

Little Men (1940)

Norman Z. MacLeod

Little Women (1994)

Gillian Armstrong

Little Women (2019)

Greta Gerwig