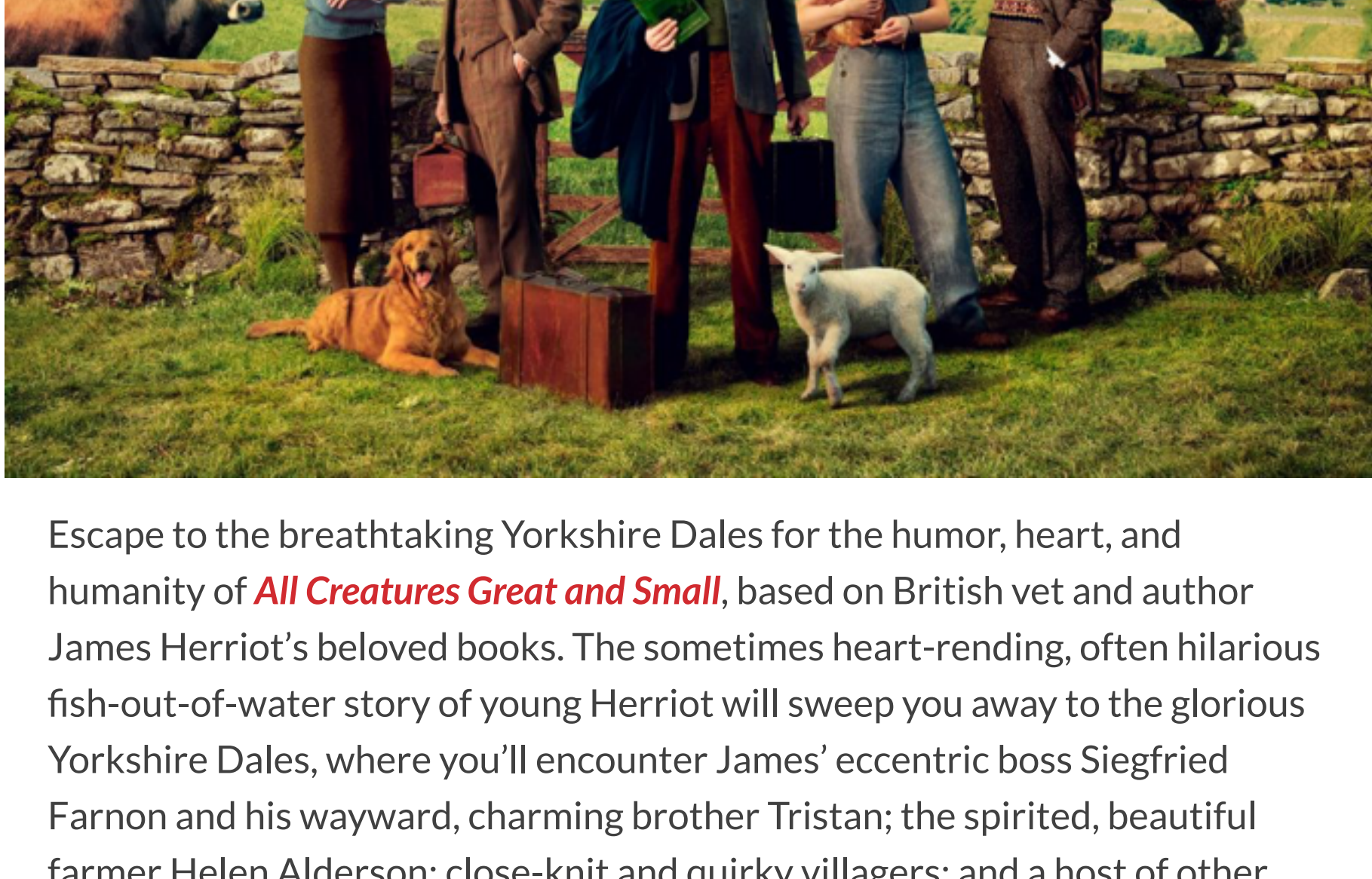




# Comforting British Dramas to Stream Right Now

If you're in need of comfort, warmth, and escape from reality, there's no better place to turn than period dramas from the country that brought the world "Keep Calm & Carry On." Here are several British series from MASTERPIECE you can stream right now for a bingeable infusion of solace, fortitude, inspiration...and the obligatory sassy zinger! Watch them all with **PBS Passport**, an added member benefit. (Note: Full episode streaming is only available within the United States.)

## All Creatures Great and Small | Two Seasons



Escape to the breathtaking Yorkshire Dales for the humor, heart, and humanity of *All Creatures Great and Small*, based on British vet and author James Herriot's beloved books. The sometimes heart-rending, often hilarious fish-out-of-water story of young Herriot will sweep you away to the glorious Yorkshire Dales, where you'll encounter James' eccentric boss Siegfried Farnon and his wayward, charming brother Tristan; the spirited, beautiful farmer Helen Alderson; close-knit and quirky villagers; and a host of other characters, two-legged *and* four! But at the foundation of the show, beneath the delightful antics and the great and small animals, lies true human connection—community *and* romantic—of the sort that we long for: to comfort us and brace us in both good and troubling times.

You'll also find an impressive ensemble cast ranging from the utterly irresistible newcomer Nicholas Ralph as James Herriot, to screen icon Diana Rigg as Tricky-indulging grand dame Mrs. Pumphrey. More than anything, however, you'll find an entire community whose charm and warmth will be a true balm for the soul.

**Watch All Creatures Great and Small Seasons 1 & 2 Now**

## Grantchester | Six Seasons



If you like murder, mayhem, and not one but two hot priests of the crime-fighting persuasion, set in one of England's most bucolic villages in the 1950s, you're going to want to join the *Grantchester* congregation! In Grantchester, the picturesque village on the river Cam, the handsome, jazz-loving Reverend Sidney Chambers (James Norton) can't help but fall into more worldly habits as he assists friend and *actual* detective Inspector Geordie Keating (Robson Greene) in solving murders, all the while searching for justice, spiritual fulfillment, love, and a really hip jazz club. And when Sidney departs, a new vicar, Will Davenport (Tom Brittney), arrives...leather-clad, on a motorcycle! Turns out Geordie dislikes rock n' roll even more than he dislikes jazz. But will he find a new partner in solving crime—and a new friend—in Will?

Enjoy countless murders, several love affairs, a couple of crises of faith, more than one scandal in the vestry, many acts of bravery, innumerable demonstrations of true friendship, two hot priests, and one perfect dog. Hallelujah!

**Watch Grantchester Seasons 1-6 Now**

## Downton Abbey | Six Seasons

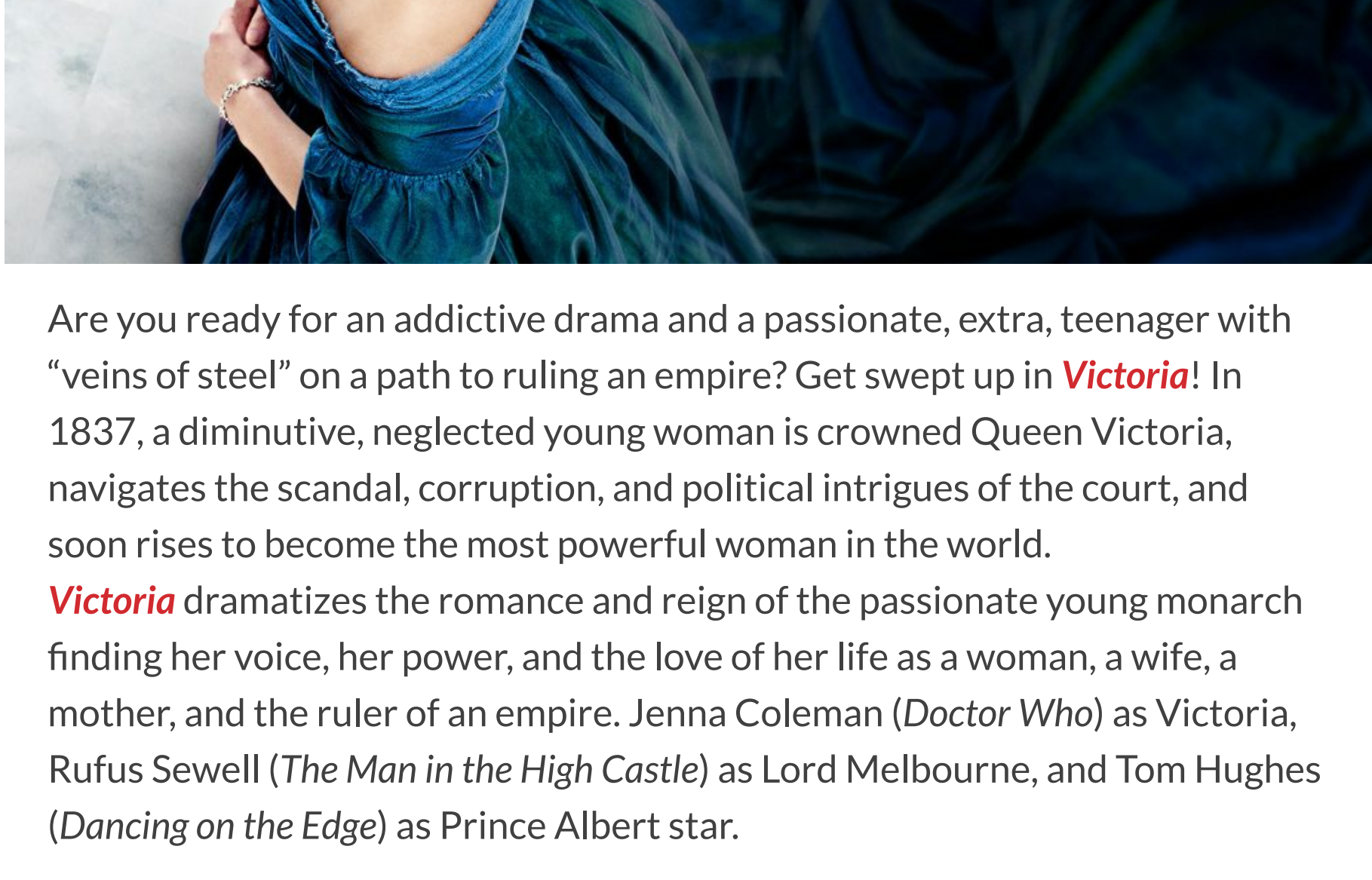


Might we recommend a sleeper hit you may never have heard of? Just kidding, we know you're practically an honorary Crawley yourself after all the *Downton* over the years. But if you always meant to watch *Downton Abbey* and haven't yet, or you've been waiting for the chance to watch it all over again, now is the time!

The world of Downton Abbey might be on the cusp of change, but the Crawleys and their below-the-stairs extended family of servants can weather all manner of challenges together, be they inheritance crises, war, blackmail, rivalries, gardening competitions, animal husbandry, or fashion. A palliative for anxiety, *Downton Abbey* lets us marinate in style, wit, warmth, and kindness, a world where any crisis can be weathered with a *bon mot* and directive from the Dowager Countess! With Julian Fellowes' crackling writing and its stellar ensemble cast led by Maggie Smith, *Downton Abbey* delivers a phenomenon that is, at its heart, utterly human.

**Watch Seasons 1-6 Now**

## Victoria | Three Seasons

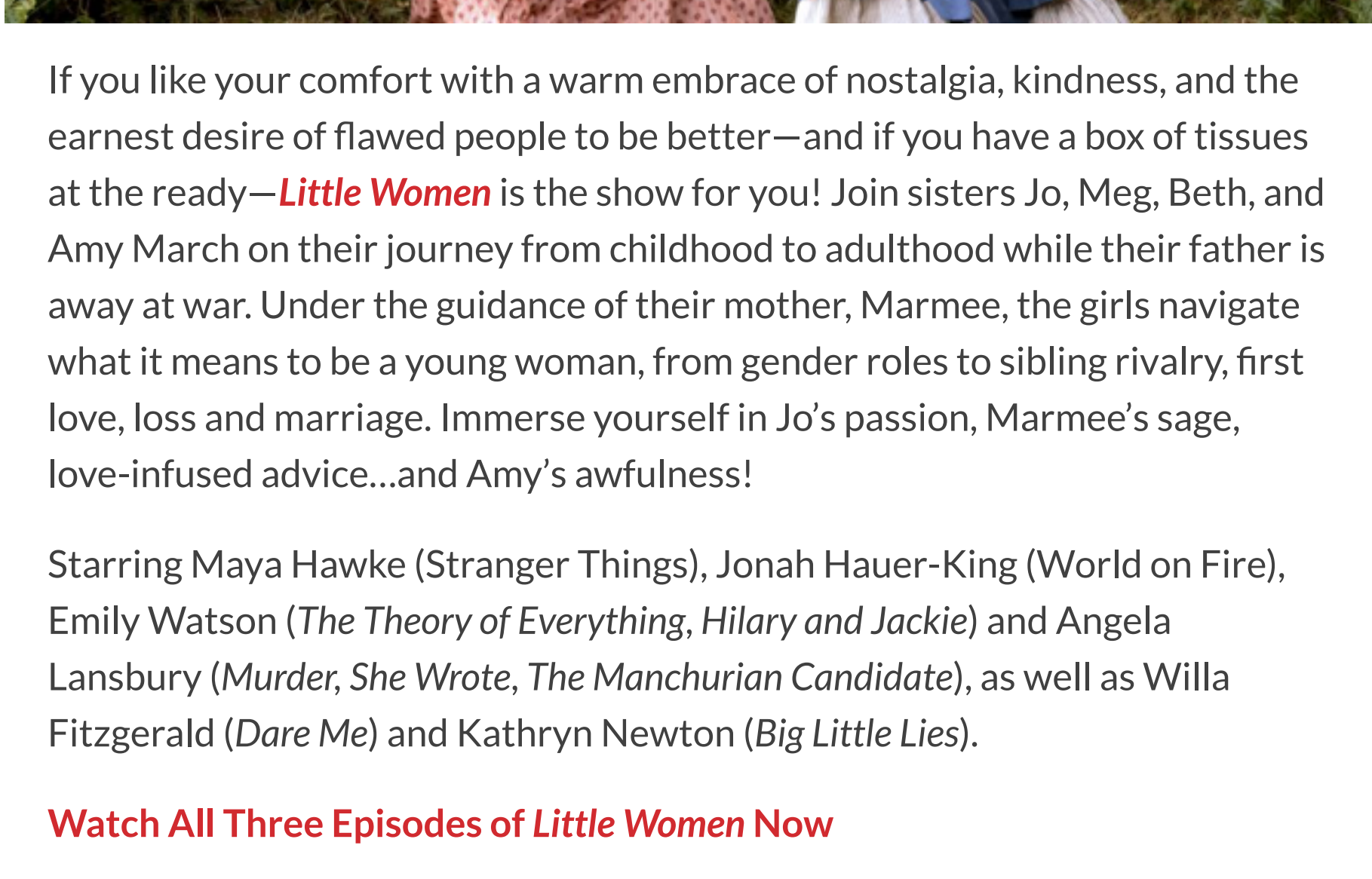


Are you ready for an addictive drama and a passionate, extra, teenager with "veins of steel" on a path to ruling an empire? Get swept up in *Victoria*! In 1837, a diminutive, neglected young woman is crowned Queen Victoria, navigates the scandal, corruption, and political intrigues of the court, and soon rises to become the most powerful woman in the world.

*Victoria* dramatizes the romance and reign of the passionate young monarch finding her voice, her power, and the love of her life as a woman, a wife, a mother, and the ruler of an empire. Jenna Coleman (*Doctor Who*) as Victoria, Rufus Sewell (*The Man in the High Castle*) as Lord Melbourne, and Tom Hughes (*Dancing on the Edge*) as Prince Albert star.

**Watch Victoria Seasons 1-3 Now**

## Little Women | Three Episodes

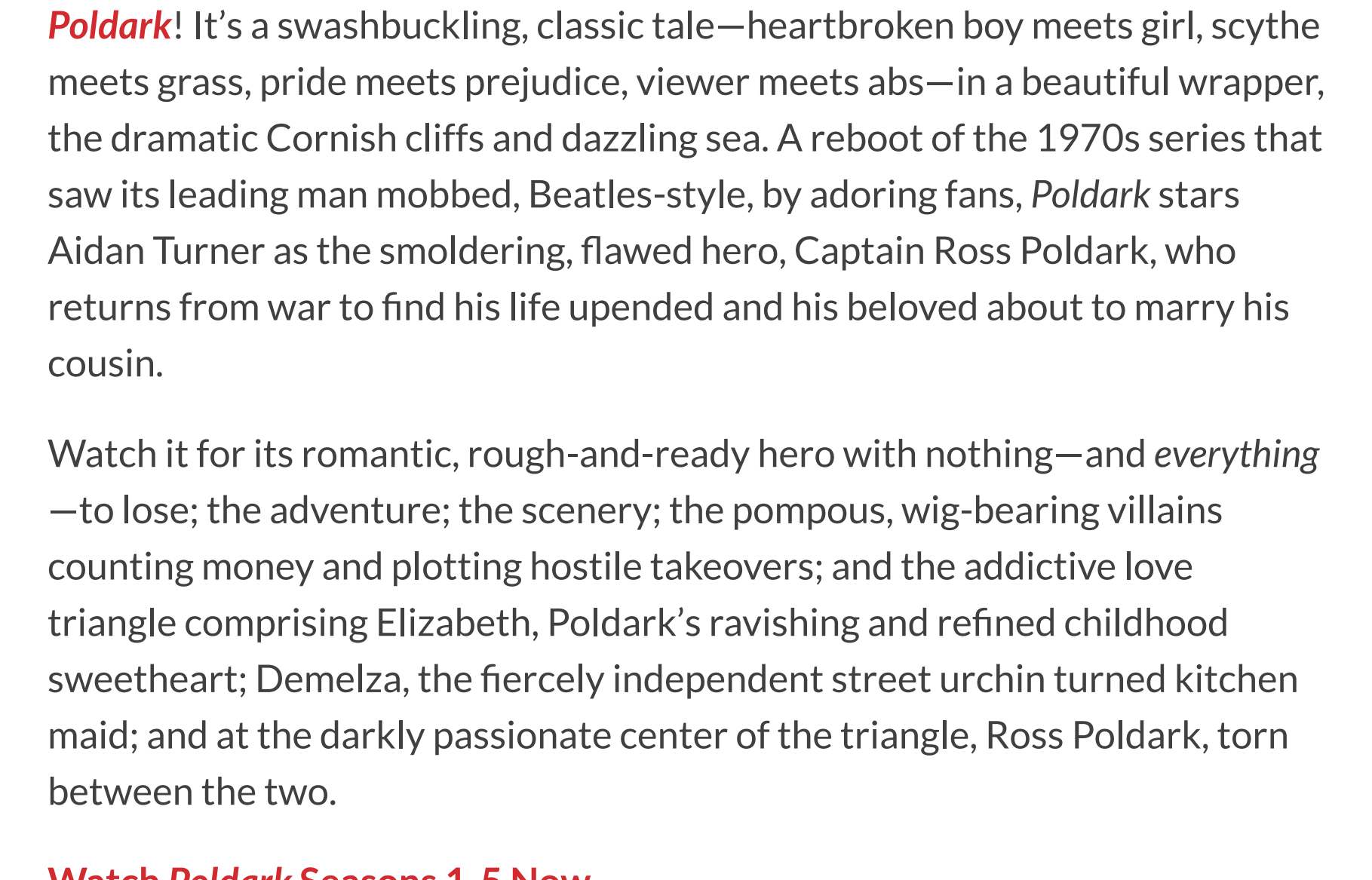


If you like your comfort with a warm embrace of nostalgia, kindness, and the earnest desire of flawed women to be better—and if you have a box of tissues at the ready—*Little Women* is the show for you! Join sisters Jo, Meg, Beth, and Amy March on their journey from childhood to adulthood while their father is away at war. Under the guidance of their mother, Marmee, the girls navigate what it means to be a young woman, from gender roles to sibling rivalry, first love, loss and marriage. Immerse yourself in Jo's passion, Marmee's sage, love-infused advice...and Amy's awfulness!

Starring Maya Hawke (*Stranger Things*), Jonah Hauer-King (*World on Fire*), Emily Watson (*The Theory of Everything*, *Hilary and Jackie*) and Angela Lansbury (*Murder, She Wrote*, *The Manchurian Candidate*), as well as Willa Fitzgerald (*Dare Me*) and Kathryn Newton (*Big Little Lies*).

**Watch All Three Episodes of Little Women Now**

## Poldark | Five Seasons



Get carried away when you transport yourself to 18<sup>th</sup> century Cornwall with *Poldark*! It's a swashbuckling, classic tale—heartbroken boy meets girl, scythe meets grass, pride meets prejudice, viewer meets abs—in a beautiful wrapper, the dramatic Cornish cliffs and dazzling sea. A reboot of the 1970s series that saw its leading man mobbed, Beatles-style, by adoring fans, *Poldark* stars Aidan Turner as the smoldering, flawed hero, Captain Ross Poldark, who returns from war to find his life upended and his beloved about to marry his cousin.

Watch it for its romantic, rough-and-ready hero with nothing—and everything—to lose; the adventure; the scenery; the pompous, wig-bearing villains counting money and plotting hostile takeovers; and the addictive love triangle comprising Elizabeth, Poldark's ravishing and refined childhood sweetheart; Demelza, the fiercely independent street urchin turned kitchen maid; and at the darkly passionate center of the triangle, Ross Poldark, torn between the two.

**Watch Poldark Seasons 1-5 Now**

Listen to the **Mining Poldark recap podcast**, your behind-the-scenes pass to all five seasons of the beloved MASTERPIECE / BBC drama—unpack all the adventure and fearless exploits, episode by episode. With Robin Ellis, who played the original Ross Poldark in the 1970s adaptation of Winston Graham's novels, and MASTERPIECE's Barrett Broutas.

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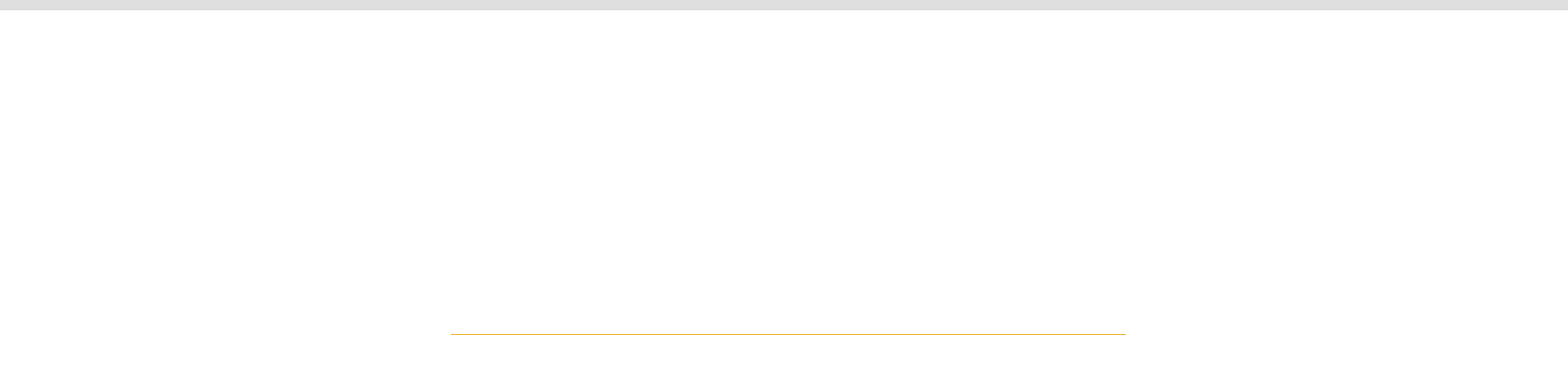
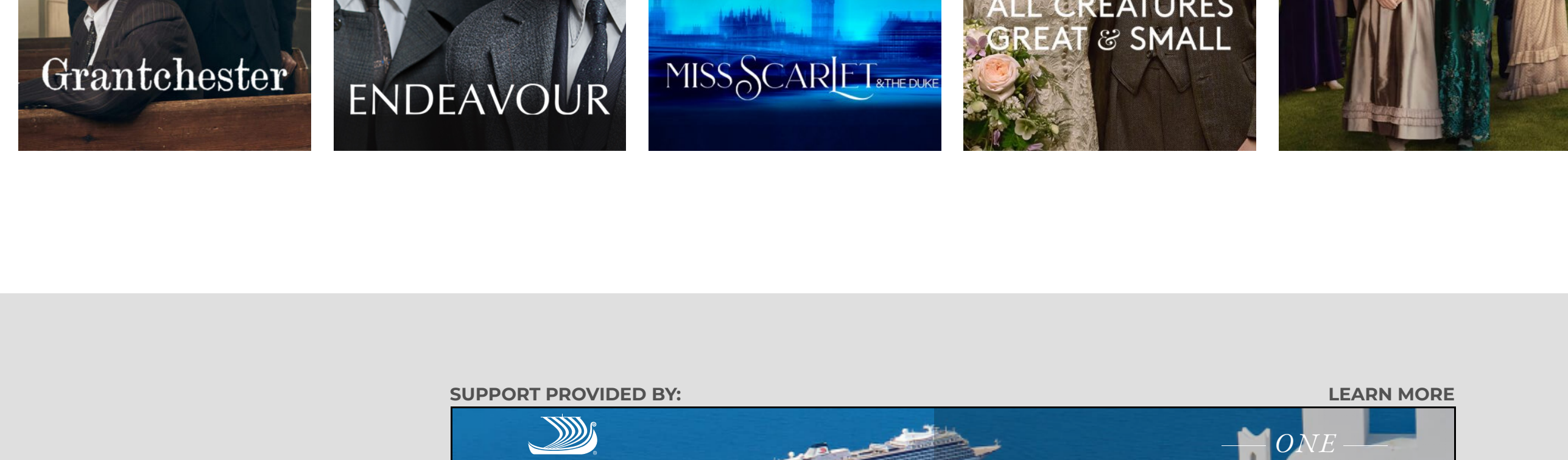
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