The Pittsburgh Novel: An Interactive Bibliography 3 Years in the Making

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Introduction to Our Bibliographies

• 12 open access bibliographies

• Bibliographies account for about half of Open Publishing services
  • Most published by Penn State faculty or Pennsylvania topic of interest

• Diverse topics, mostly in the humanities and social sciences
Welcome to the Pittsburgh Novel Project

The Pittsburgh Novel: Western Pennsylvania in Fiction and Drama, 1792-2022, a Penn State Libraries Open Publishing publication, is an annotated bibliography of all known fiction with a significant geographical setting in any of Pennsylvania’s 26 westernmost counties between 1792 and 2022. Please visit the How to Search page for information about searching, filtering, and exporting citations.

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**Abstract**

When his wife passes away and he is forced to retire from his job of nearly 40 years, the curmudgeonly Otto Anderson (Tom Hanks) decides to kill himself. However, his attempts are constantly interrupted by his boisterous new neighbor, Marisol Mendes (Mariana Treviño), which leads to an unlikely friendship.

**Notes**


The film also stars Truman Hanks, Tom Hanks' son, as young Otto Anderson.

David Magee (1962-), born in Flint, Michigan, was educated at Michigan State University and the University of Missouri. He was the son of playwright Philip Barry. Magee served as the Screenwriters' Assistant to Billy Wilder for three years and wrote for the TV series *Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*. He is the recipient of the New Asia College Prize for Drama Writing.
Keywords, genre, and places

- Keywords
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Comedy

A Man Called Otto

Anything's Possible

Ride the Wild Pony and Other Stories from 57 Steuben Street: A Children's Book for Grown-Ups
Places

- Allegheny River
- Allegheny County
  - Pittsburgh
    - Downtown
    - Market Square
    - South Side
      - Penn Hills
      - Shaler
      - Monroeville
  - Fayette County
    - Markleysburg
    - Connellsville
    - Uniontown
    - N. Union Twp.
- Somerset County
  - Confluence
    - Lucky Dog Café
- Casselman River (tributary)
- Washington County
  - Canonsburg
  - N. Bethlehem Twp.
  - N. Strabane Twp.
  - The Meadows Racetrack and Casino

Place Locations Within Pittsburgh Novel

- Western Pennsylvania
- Allegheny Mountain
- Allegheny Mountains
- Allegheny National Forest
- Allegheny River
- Beaver River
- Buffalo Creek
- Cascade Creek (tributary)
- Chartiers Creek (tributary)
- Chestnut Ridge
- Clarion River
- Conemaugh River
- Connoquenessing Creek (tributary)
- Deer Creek (tributary)
- Dunning Creek
- French Creek (tributary)
- Juniata River
- Kiskiminetas River
- Little Conemaugh River (tributary)
- Little Nesbitt Creek
- Little Neshannock Creek
Interactive Map

This interactive map is a key feature of The Pittsburgh Novel Project. It consists of two layers of notes. One is the Pittsburgh Neighborhood layer, which outlines all neighborhoods within Pittsburgh as regions or zones. An additional layer outlines all other municipalities in the western half of Pennsylvania. Clicking on a region in the map provides a list of titles associated with that region or zone with links to that title in the bibliography. To view titles associated with a different region, clear the search field by clicking X in the right of that field above the search results.

To view any titles associated with Pittsburgh neighborhoods, zoom in and click on a neighborhood. Here you will see the title, year, author, location information, and any additional places in which this title may be set.

To view any titles associated with western Pennsylvania municipalities, zoom in to the municipality desired and click on it. Here you will see the title, year, author, location information, and any additional places in which this title may be set. Because some titles may have multiple place settings, they may be listed twice in different parts of the map.
Wrap up and launch

• Extensive testing
• Proofreading
• Supplemental Pages
• PR
Next Steps

• Add new titles- at Jake’s editorial discretion
• Add another tab at the top for "blurbs"
• Look and feel of site
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