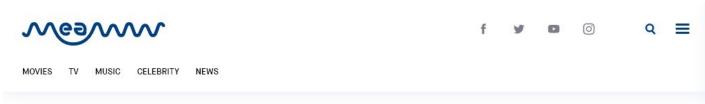
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Netflix's original series 'Virgin River' -- an adaptation of a novel of the same name by Robyn Carr -- dropped on December 6 on the streaming platform. Although the book has gained recognition globally for dealing with contemporary romance, the series starring Alexandra Breckenridge as Melinda Monroe and Martin Henderson as Jack Sheridan in the lead has a lot more to offer.

The story centers on Melinda, who moves from LA to the remote town of Virgin River to get over the memories of an antagonizing past.

As it progresses, the 10-episode-long series takes us through the various facets associated with human relationships and throws light on the fact that everybody suffers at some point in life, regardless of their background, race, financial situations or any other factor that humans tend to get inundated by.

> Even for the ones who have read Carr's novel, the Netflix series makes for a good watch, by following a variety of characters, who despite their quirks and differences in social classes, have some of the deepest messages to offer which we assure will knock a good amount of enlightenment into you!

As the owner of the local bar, Jack states, "Perspective is most often the key to happiness", and 'Virgin River' treats the same as its pivotal concept. All along, we explore the changes in our perception about the characters as we begin to learn more about their lives, struggles and, the dark past that each of them carries.

For instance, the doctor who at first comes across as a man who jangles everybody's last nerve with his rude and demeaning behavior, doesn't seem so bad when it is revealed that he's moved to the small town from one of the most reputed hospitals in the city to lead a more humane life - only wanting to serve the people of the small town with his old-school medicine practices.

Similarly, just when we begin to form an image about Melinda as someone who isn't a fugitive, capable of fighting her own battle, the series surprises us by exposing a much more vulnerable side to her.

Although 'Virgin River' comprises a handful of cast, it has imbued enough depth and focus on each of the characters, ensuring nothing is sidelined.

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In the beginning, we are convinced that the small-town people and the pretty lady from LA would indulge in a never-ending war instigated by the differences in their ideologies as traditionalists and modernists. But our opinion is deeply influenced by what unfolds later; which involves a couple of kind-hearted people trying to help and find comfort in one another irrespective of the ideologies, which hold good only in textbooks.

'River Virgin' is real to the core from the start to the end. The makers haven't tried creating a Utopian society that dismisses real problems, and that's what makes Netflix series a must-watch for those who are on the lookout for something different from the usual everything-is-beautiful kind of love story.

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## Netflix's 'Virgin River': Can city girl Melinda navigate the challenges of a remote town in Northern California?

The question remains if Melinda will be able to stick around long enough in this small town which marks the new beginning in her life or if she treats the whole experience as just another runaway train.



#### 'Virgin River': Release date, plot, cast, trailer and all you need to know about Netflix's upcoming romantic drama

When she moves to the new town, she discovers that the small town isn't as simple as she expected and that she needs to learn to heal her soul first before she can truly make Virgin River her home.



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With a string of holiday movies premiering on Lifetime, this classic 'who's-my-secret-admirer' vibe tags itself to the relative nature of unexpected relationships in the time of no social media making do with just pen and paper.



## Book adaptations are taking over the small screen, including 'The Handmaid's Tale', 'His Dark Materials', 'Good Omens' and more

Viewers today, with all the plethora of channels delivering content at the tip of their fingers, are seeking an experience not only different but better than the previous one



# 'Roswell, New Mexico' Season 1 Episode 2: Max's place as the hero of the story is seriously questionable

Everything we saw pointed toward Max being involved in Rosa's death, but there might be a greater reason behind all



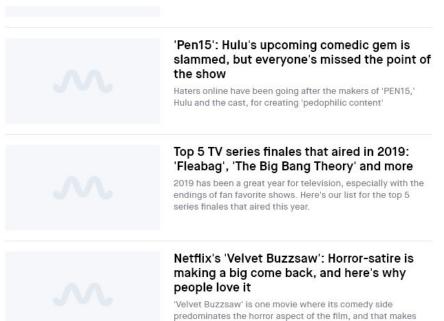
#### 'The Society' stars open up about their characters and life in a world without rules or order

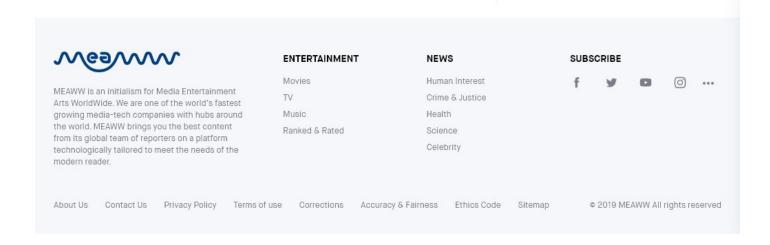
As the world eagerly waits for 'The Society' Season 2, the cast of Netflix's latest young adult thriller discuss their characters and their fate in the supernatural thriller based on 'Lord of the



#### Stephen King's novel 'Joyland' comes to Freeform

Following his many novels which were tuned to successful films, the King of thrillers is once again putting up his story for television screens.





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