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# From Page To Premiere: Anchorcall Services Resurrects Ann Greyson's Chilling Birdwatcher Saga

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Author Ann Greyson's award-winning *Birdwatcher* series is set to transition from a chilling literary mystery to a major cinematic production.

## From The Poconos To HBO Max

After STX Entertainment's exit, Anchorcall Services secures the rights to Ann Greyson's *Birdwatcher* series, pitching a high-stakes supernatural adaptation to HBO Max that promises to redefine the modern horror-thriller genre.

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – Anchorcall Services has officially taken over the film and television adaptation of Ann Greyson's horror franchise, *Birdwatcher*, following a move that has energized the literary and film worlds. The deal, led by Literary Publicist Samantha Jacobs, saves the project after STX Entertainment pulled out in June 2025 due to company restructuring.

The acquisition covers both the 2022 novel and its 2024 sequel, *Birdwatcher 2*. Thanks to an aggressive pitch by Jacobs, executives at HBO Max are now considering the series for an exclusive original production. Jacobs noted that the story's blend of mystery and supernatural elements gives it a "cinematic heartbeat" that is rare in modern fiction.

Ann Greyson masterfully weaves psychological depth with haunting paranormal lore, proving herself a visionary architect of atmospheric and enduring terror.

## A Twisted Journey to the Screen

The road to production has been rocky. In 2025, STX Entertainment had originally planned a Netflix release with a \$650,000 starting budget. When STX backed out, Anchorcall Services stepped in this March to secure the rights from Greyson.

Author Ann Greyson has already shared her “dream team” for the adaptation, envisioning James Wan (The Conjuring) as director and Jeri Ryan (Star Trek: Picard) to play the role of Estelle Rowland, the sharp-eyed waitress who plays a key role in tracking the story’s killer.

“The dual threads of mystery and supernatural presence give *Birdwatcher* and *Birdwatcher 2* a cinematic heartbeat that’s rare to see.”  
– Samantha Jacobs, Anchorcall Services



**The Ghost Writer's Reality:** Gail Wincoff, haunted by the restless spirit of young Abby, begins to realise her first novel is more than just fiction in Ann Greyson's award-winning *Birdwatcher*.

## A Story of Crime and Spirits

The *Birdwatcher* series is a unique mix of crime thriller and ghost story. Set in the Pocono Mountains, it begins with the 2016 disappearance of 12-year-old Abby Wincoff. The plot follows the hunt for Abby, serial killer Joey Marks, and the supernatural struggle of Abby's spirit, which remains trapped in the cabin on Wagon Trail Road where her body was hidden.

“Your story aligns perfectly with the type of high-impact, emotionally driven narratives these platforms are seeking for global audiences.”  
– Tim Albert, STX Entertainment

The sequel, ***Birdwatcher 2***, explores even darker themes, including demonic possession and a spiritual battle involving a Jesuit priest, Reverend Claude Bonanni. The books have been praised by critics for their fast-paced chapters and intense emotional depth.

## Timeline and Availability

The proposed production is set to begin by September 2026, with a target release date no later than June 2028. For readers who want to catch up before the premiere, ***Birdwatcher*** and ***Birdwatcher 2*** (Kindle Direct Publishing) are currently available in paperback and e-book at all major book retailers.