

Author in talks with Producer Joy Gorman for *Birdwatcher*'s film adaptation



A movie version of **Ann Greyson**'s horror novel *Birdwatcher* has new impetus with acclaimed television producer **Joy Gorman** joining in.

Behind this new incarnation of the film adaptation is Rise Literary (Ojai, California), a creative development and book-to-film scouting company. **Joy Gorman**, whose credits include *13 Reasons Why* as well as multiple seasons of Hulu's *Unprisoned* and Apple TV's *Home Before Dark*, and Netflix's upcoming adaptation of *Little House on the Prairie*, is a consultant to Rise Literary, whose team includes CEO **Kristen McGuinness**.

Joy Gorman noted her immediate connection to the *Birdwatcher* story and its film development: "As someone who spends my life searching for stories that deserve to reach wider audiences, I couldn't stop thinking about *Birdwatcher*. Long after I finished reading, I kept thinking about Abby Wincoff's disappearance and the heartbreaking mystery that unfolds in the quiet beauty of the Pocono Mountains. What could have been a compelling missing-person investigation became something much more profound, a deeply emotional story about grief, innocence, justice, and the enduring bonds that transcend life itself. I was especially moved by the emotional journey surrounding Abby's family and the relentless determination of Sheriff Andy Kirkman and his team to uncover the truth. Their investigation is driven by more than solving a crime; it's fueled by compassion and the hope of bringing peace to a family whose lives have been shattered. In a world that often rushes past tragedy, **Ann Greyson** wrote a story that gently reminds readers that every victim has a story, every family deserves answers, and every life leaves an imprint that cannot be erased. That is incredibly rare. *Birdwatcher* is the kind of emotionally resonant mystery that would translate beautifully to the screen while preserving the heart that makes it so unforgettable."

Last April, **Samantha Jacobs** of Anchorcall Services (Albuquerque, New Mexico) made a successful *Birdwatcher* cinematic pitch to executives of HBO Max. However, with **Joy Gorman** at the helm, *Birdwatcher* and

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Birdwatcher 2 (Kindle Direct Publishing) will be pitched to Netflix, or any of their subsidiaries.



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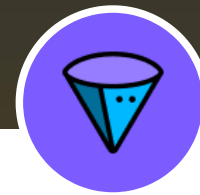


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