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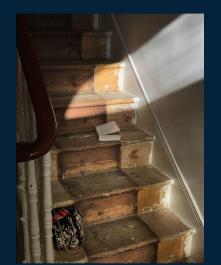






Agnes and Lydie's friendship is the heart of the movie, and it is represented in the cottage they share throughout grad school, and the way the cottage evolves after Lydie moves away, going from warm and safe to cold, desolate and even threatening and suffocating as Agnes works through her trauma.

We feel Lydie's absence acutely, but we also feel the subjective change in how Agnes experiences the world after The Bad Thing, and how previously cozy and safe spaces, rituals and belongings can become ominous and foreboding at any moment.







"Victor has assembled an excellent team for this movie, including production designer Caity Birmingham, whose work on Agnes' creaky New England house feels at turns invitingly cozy and ominous."



THE COTTAGE



























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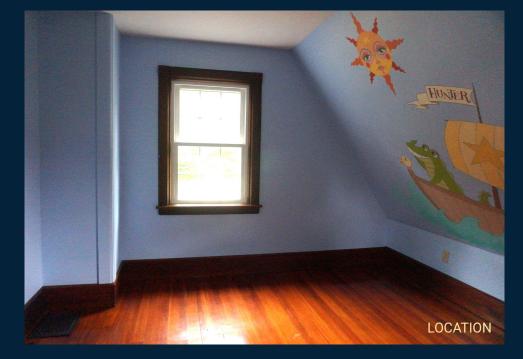








THE COTTAGE – AGNES' BEDROOM













Three very different, but equally intimate, pivotal scenes take place in this tiny bathroom. Lydie tells Agnes she is pregnant, Agnes tells Lydie about The Bad Thing, and Gavin and Agnes discuss the future.

We chose a wallpaper that could be cheerfully nostalgic or sickly and unsettling.

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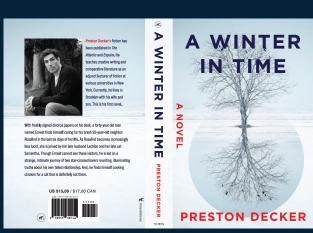


For the final scene of the movie, we enter a new, bright and open space within the cottage that we've never seen before. It feels like Agnes is slowing stepping back out into the world.

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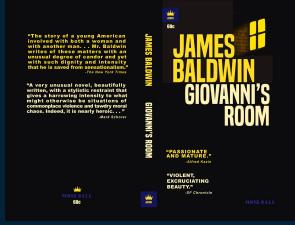
We found our favorite vintage covers and reimagined them to best illustrate their tone and place within the story.



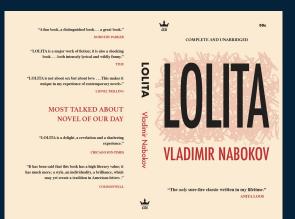
"I'm sorry but I personally found this book really disgusting. I felt pissed off because I really hated the stuff happening but I really liked the sort of stuff he was saying, so I was pissed."

THE BOOKS

Books provide context for Agnes and Lydie's inner worlds throughout the movie, from classic texts to Preston Decker's first novel, their meanings change for Agnes throughout the film.



"If it helps at all, I liked your first novel. I liked how fucked up it was and how it made me feel like there's a reason, even if I can't see it, that I'm alive. And I think about it all the time, when I'm doing other stuff, like eating ice cream or looking out the window."











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Like the cottage, spaces at the school evolve over time. When Agnes is hired as the new faculty member, she must move into the office of her former mentor, literally and figuratively keeping her stuck in the past and unable to move forward.

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INSTITUTIONAL SPACES AND PROCEDURES













UNEXPECTED COMFORT









The unexpected joys of a new kitten and a very good sandwich, and how they slowly bring Agnes back to herself.

THE COURTROOM

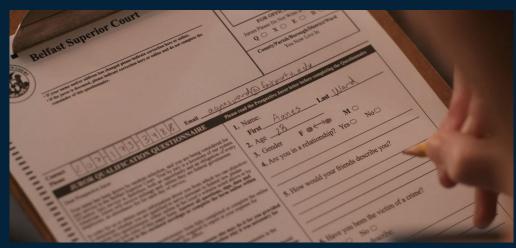












Agnes rejoins civilization, through mandatory civic duty, and must consider herself within a larger context.

Sorry, Baby



"With a largely female production team, Victor is well supported, especially with Mia Cioffi Henry's exceptional cinematography and Caity Birmingham's production design."