**BREATHTAKING**

**Films VS Books**

1. **to be based on** - to use something (real events) as a model for a film, a piece of writing, or work of art

* The film is based on a short story by Thomas Mann.
* The film is based on a real-life story.
* The movie is based on the true story of a London gangster.
* The dance was based on several Hindu legends.

1. **heavy going** - difficult to read or understand:

* I liked the film but the book was rather heavy going.
* I'm finding the advanced physics a bit heavy going.

1. **true to life** - showing things and people as they really are, or seeming to be real:

* She was saying how true to life the characters in the film were.
* a true-to-life story.

1. **remarkable** - unusual or special and therefore surprising and worth mentioning

* The 20th century was remarkable for its inventions.
* This film is my personal view into the spirit of a revolutionary photographer and remarkable person.

1. **masterpiece -** a work of art such as a painting, film, or book that is made with great skill

* Leonardo's "Last Supper" is widely regarded as a masterpiece.
* This film will be a masterpiece in film history.

1. **Award-winning (oscar-winning)** - having won a prize or prizes (Oscar) for being of high quality or very skilled

* Okay, Larry, we're all here to watch your Oscar-winning movie.

1. **to come highly recommended** - indicates sb thought sth was very good

* I was looking for a film and this comes highly recommended.
* The book came highly recommended.
* These films were carefully selected and come highly recommended.

1. **plot** - the story of a book, film, play, etc.:

* The movie has a very simple plot.
* The plots of his books are basically all the same

1. **tell the story of** - the film/book is about

* It tells the story of the first family of hip-hop.
* This song tells the story of women who struggle for freedom.

1. **to set in** - to begin

* In winter, darkness sets in so early!
* One day, I had this killer idea to make films set in real-life situations.

1. **breathtaking** - extremely exciting, beautiful, or surprising:

* The view from the top of the mountain is breathtaking.
* The violin solo was breathtaking.

**BREATHTAKING films or books for you.**