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What Makes a Great Book

*New York metro area premieres Thursday, September 6 at 8:30 p.m. on
WLIW and Sunday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. on THIRTEEN*

*Airs nationwide September 2018 on public television (check local listings)
in honor of The Great American Read on PBS*

Synopsis:

An original concept, an enticing plot, a compelling protagonist – what are the elements that make a book meaningful? Hosted by **Meredith Vieira**, the documentary explores the pillars of great writing by showcasing local voices who explain how books have impacted their lives in profound ways. The chapters of ***What Makes a Great Book*** include character, plot and style and includes content from local PBS stations across the country to coincide with *The Great American Read*, PBS' eight-part television and online series exploring America's 100 most-loved novels.

Short Description:

An original concept, an enticing plot, a compelling protagonist – what are the elements that make a book meaningful? This documentary explores the pillars of great writing through local voices who explain how books have impacted their lives in profound ways. Meredith Vieira hosts.

Run time: 30 minutes

Production Credits:

What Makes a Great Book is a production of WLIW LLC for WNET. Ann Benjamin is director. Meredith Vieira is host. Sasha Schechter is producer. Ashton Brooks is associate producer. Derren Peister is editor. Diane Masciale is executive producer. Distributed nationally by Wavelength, a digital content sharing platform for public media stations nationwide, powered by WNET.

Underwriters:

What Makes a Great Book, the companion documentary to THE GREAT AMERICAN READ, is/was made possible in part by The Corporation for Public Broadcasting, a grant from Anne Ray Foundation, and public television viewers.

Websites:

<https://www.wliw.org> / <http://www.facebook.com/wliw21> / @WLIW21

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