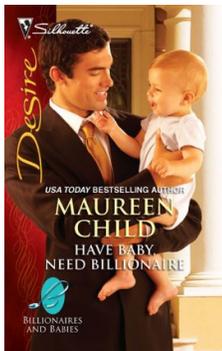


OH, BABY! LITERATURE INSPIRES TODAY'S HOTTEST BABY NAMES

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Have baby, need name

According to Nameberry, a popular online baby name guide, the [hot trending names of 2012](#) have a surprising source: Good, old-fashioned books. This year's crop of bouncing bundles of joy are taking names from a variety of page-turners; from the ever-influential Bible to the more recently published Hunger Games trilogy.

From the popularity of TwiGames (Twilight and Hunger Games) we get the female name Senna and its male counterpart, Cinna. Senna is one of Twilight's sparkly vamps, while Cinna makes his own sparkles as a Hunger Games stylist.

Considering the reach of the Hunger Games, which recently hit the big screen in March, it should come as no surprise that it helped to influence another entry on the list with the roman-sounding name, Decimus. Most of the names in the book harken back to Ancient Rome: Cinna, Seneca, Claudius, etc. The name Decimus, [explains Nameberry](#), is usually given to the tenth child as it derives from the Latin word for ten, decem.

From the bestselling *A Game of Thrones*, which is also a hit on Showtime, nurseries are seeing an upswing in Aryas and Theons. Parents may be dreaming of adventure-filled lives for their newborns to christen them after such strong namesakes.

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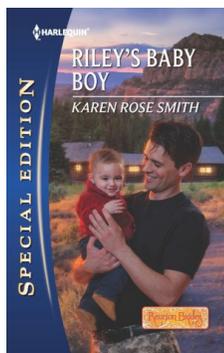
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Speaking of strong characters, mothers are also choosing the name Caia for their daughters - a name that means rejoice. It is also the name of the main character of Samantha Young's YA Lunarmorte series. The main character is half-witch, half-lycan, and all inspiration.



Is Riley's baby boy a Cinna or a Gatsby?

Classic literature is also having an influence on baby names. And, considering the upcoming Baz Luhrmann flick in the works, it shouldn't come as a surprise when, five years from now, kindergartens are full of Gatsbys. In prior years, parents have also chosen to name their progeny Hadley, the real-life first name of Ernest Hemingway, and, if they were fans of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Atticus and Harper. Little Gatsby should be in good company.

... especially if he should befriend a boy named Zebulon. Bible names are still going strong, and Zeb is picking up speed as one of this year's hot trendy names. But it still faces stiff competition from the popular picks of Jacob, Noah and Elijah, all three of which cracked the [top 20 baby boy names of 2011](#).

And finally, another very popular name is Sybil. While this name's rise in prominence could be due to the fan-favorite BBC show, *Downton Abbey*, and one of its characters, the lovely Lady Sybil Crawley, it has its roots in Ancient Greece. Still, *Downton Abbey* seems almost literary in its scope as it's produced from the same broadcaster that has produced some of the most beloved adaptations of the classics such as *Pride and Prejudice*, *Bleak House* and *North & South*.

What are some of your favorite literary names? Let us know in the comments!

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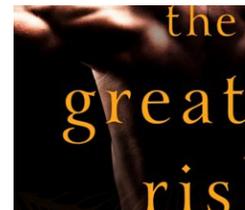
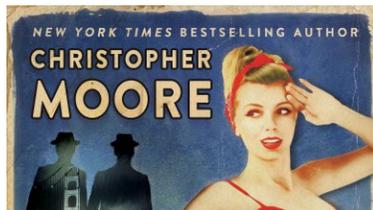
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