Subject: Book vs Movie
Posted by GoodVibrations on Wed, 29 Dec 2010 04:36:19 GMT
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It's a little difficult for me to read a book first and then enjoy the movie as much as I did the book. Has anyone found a movie that was as great as the book, or better? I would like to know if there are any exceptions to the book vs. movie rule, whereby the movie actually does the book justice.

Subject: Re: Book vs Movie
Posted by Wonderwoll on Wed, 29 Dec 2010 10:32:12 GMT
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Personally I have never found a movie that is as good as the book. I tend to picture the characters in my head so it annoys me to see them looking different on the screen. My wife does say that the Agatha Christie film adaptations are as good as the novels.

Subject: Re: Book vs Movie
Posted by GuitarStrings on Thu, 30 Dec 2010 00:20:54 GMT
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That's a really good question. For me though, I don't try to compare the movie with the book, just because in all cases, the production companies do not have the time to add every little thing from a novel. They have to cut out scenes and people just for the purpose of trying to fit an entire story into 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 hours of film. Normally if it's any longer, people won't be all that interested, and even the best novels have their slow moments.

In fact, if I watch the movie first, it makes me want to read the original text to see and take note of all the changes that have been made. Does that make it a bad movie though? I don't think so.

Subject: Re: Book vs Movie
Posted by Adveser on Thu, 30 Dec 2010 00:56:33 GMT
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I am the kind of person that likes a clear picture of what is going in a book rather than having to draw those pictures myself, So I go the other way around. I hate when I start placing people's faces on characters, myself. I like a book that has a visual counterpart.

Scarface had a particularly outstanding novel made that was based on the much more thorough script. Half the story was only included in the movie.

I don't really have a preference for which is better. They are two completely different things.

Subject: Re: Book vs Movie
Posted by Rap14 on Sun, 16 Jan 2011 21:02:26 GMT
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To be honest there is not 1 movie that I can think of that I thought was better than the book. I love to read so I always read the books before I watch the movies. I feel that most movies always leave something out (that was in the book). I understand that movies are only so many minutes, but come on!

Subject: Re: Book vs Movie
Posted by Danny on Thu, 03 Feb 2011 11:48:19 GMT
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I have heard a lot about the movie "A Clockwork Orange", but never saw it. I know, I know, everybody is amazed that I've never seen it. The book was pretty cool, once you understood the language.

Subject: Re: Book vs Movie
Posted by Jenny76 on Thu, 03 Feb 2011 19:36:00 GMT
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I think the reason a movie can never do a book justice is because a book doesn't have the same limit that a movie does. Movies are expected to be about 2 hours, where a book can go on forever. Look at some of the series you see out there, they have 25 or more books sometimes. Books spark your imagination, where in movies, everything is laid out for you simply. I don't think a movie will ever add up right for me.

Subject: Re: Book vs Movie
Posted by miss zoey on Mon, 28 Feb 2011 14:50:48 GMT
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Personally I like reading books after watching the movie. Since it's already given that the book is much better, I like giving the movie a chance to let me enjoy it. Every time I read the book before watching the movie, I get disappointed and feel like I've wasted my money.

Subject: Re: Book vs Movie
Posted by DJ Dave on Sat, 18 Jun 2011 12:54:05 GMT
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So true! Yeah, if a movie is good, you have to know that the book is better. After all, if it was good enough to actually inspire a movie, then it has to be good. But you gotta save the best for last, so, if you haven't already read the book, do it after.

Subject: Re: Book vs Movie
Posted by falloutgirl on Sun, 19 Jun 2011 01:00:31 GMT
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DJ Dave wrote on Sat, 18 June 2011 15:54Yeah, if a movie is good, you have to know that the book is better.

This is always the case which is why I get a bit annoyed when I find out they are making a movie out of my favorite book because I know it's going to be bad but my love for the book overpowers that annoyance. Haha.

Subject: Re: Book vs Movie
Posted by audioaudio90 on Mon, 20 Jun 2011 14:10:34 GMT
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I generally prefer the book, since you can read at least one character's thoughts and can use your own imagination more. I'll still go see a movie version of a book I really like though.

Subject: Re: Book vs Movie
Posted by piccMu51c on Mon, 27 Jun 2011 02:00:38 GMT
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I think it is a little unfair to hold two totally different mediums to one standard. It is simply storytelling in different forms. I don't have any scruples with watching a film before reading the book or vise versa. As the book normally comes first, the fact that there is a movie adaptation speaks for its quality. However, that said, I did read the novelization of The Mummy, written after the film release. It didn't do anything for me.