
Subject: Best Stephen King book to movie adaptations
Posted by [musicluvr](#) on Wed, 04 Sep 2019 18:29:39 GMT

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You know how they do movie trivia in some theaters before the show starts? Well, that's how I learned that Stephen King thought the best adaptations of his books to date were Stand By Me and The Shawshank Redemption. I was quite surprised by that revelation as I figured Stanley Kubrick's The Shining would be a sure favorite of his, but it turns out that King wasn't fan of the movie at all. I thought he'd prefer the grittier stuff. Boy was I wrong!

Which movies do you like best that are based on King's work?

Subject: Re: Best Stephen King book to movie adaptations
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 05 Sep 2019 16:21:08 GMT

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Horror films almost always seem really stupid to me, so most Steven King movies don't appeal to me at all. But Stand By Me and Shawshank Redemption are a couple great movies that I really liked.

Subject: Re: Best Stephen King book to movie adaptations
Posted by [Strum Drum](#) on Thu, 05 Sep 2019 19:18:18 GMT

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I figured Stephen King loved Stand By Me because he still sings its praise today and it was made in the 1980s. I think he said it was first one to get it right or something to that effect. I haven't read all of his books, but the one I liked most was The Green Mile and the movie adaptation was excellent too. It's a haunting tale that has stuck with me.

Subject: Re: Best Stephen King book to movie adaptations
Posted by [Rusty](#) on Thu, 05 Sep 2019 20:35:16 GMT

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Not many of Kings horror books have translated well into film for me. Those two outside that realm were top notch for me. Especially Shawshank. The Green mile was a fine supernatural film also for me. For his horror genre, I like a short story he did called, The Mist. That was a tense, paranoiac study of people taking sides and becoming barbarous with one another in the face of incomprehensible weird creatures taking over the landscape. With good special effects. The irony of the ending was compelling.

Subject: Re: Best Stephen King book to movie adaptations
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 05 Sep 2019 20:58:03 GMT
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Oh, yeah, I dug The Green Mile too. That was a cool story!

Subject: Re: Best Stephen King book to movie adaptations
Posted by [Strum Drum](#) on Sat, 14 Sep 2019 02:01:55 GMT
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IT Chapter Two turned out pretty awful and it was too darn long. I was surprised by King's cameo. The books were better. I'm sure other folks loved the movie though.

Didn't King direct his own movie once? It doesn't get mentioned very often. I never saw it (too young at the time) but I don't think it was popular.

Subject: Re: Best Stephen King book to movie adaptations
Posted by [musicluvr](#) on Sat, 14 Sep 2019 13:42:40 GMT
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Strum Drum wrote on Fri, 13 September 2019 21:01

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Yep, it was called Maximum Overdrive and it was terrible. King was also in the movie and his acting was on par with his directing skills. King blamed it all on his cocaine usage at the time. It felt like a cop-out. He seems to have a hard time with criticism and has a bit of a cocky ego.

Subject: Re: Best Stephen King book to movie adaptations
Posted by [Madison](#) on Sun, 15 Sep 2019 22:12:09 GMT
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I haven't read Stephen King's book, but the movie was good. I especially loved the black and white director's cut that came out in 2017.

Subject: Re: Best Stephen King book to movie adaptations

Posted by [Rusty](#) on Mon, 16 Sep 2019 14:26:00 GMT

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Yes, I was actually referring to the movie adaptation of the short story. The movie was pretty faithful to the story, which made it compelling. I'd love to see that directors cut you make mention.

Subject: Re: Best Stephen King book to movie adaptations

Posted by [Patrick69](#) on Sat, 21 Sep 2019 13:31:34 GMT

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I loved many of his books but not many of the movies. I thought Shawshank was great, I actually watch it everytime it comes on TV. I did just watch the new It movie - wasn't impressed.

Subject: Re: Best Stephen King book to movie adaptations

Posted by [Kingfish](#) on Thu, 26 Sep 2019 00:02:55 GMT

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The Green Mile. The acting and screenplay were both fantastic.

The worst one was The Stand. I've read that whole book about 4 times. You just can't put a story that in-depth and that long into a movie. They shouldn't have even tried.

Subject: Re: Best Stephen King book to movie adaptations

Posted by [Rusty](#) on Thu, 26 Sep 2019 14:39:03 GMT

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I read they're taking another whack with The Stand. Another mini series. I too feel that the 1994 attempt wasn't able to remotely convey the drama of the novel. The fastest thousand page turner I'd ever attempted. It's certainly a challenge, but not out of the realm of possibility that it could be made with better quality. Judging from past attempts with King's horror genre adaptations, not worth getting hopeful about.

Subject: Re: Best Stephen King book to movie adaptations

Posted by [Rusty](#) on Tue, 22 Oct 2019 14:22:15 GMT

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I remembered recently another King movie that I've enjoyed. Called, The Dead Zone, with Christopher Walken. Strange powers of premonition plague his mind after a terrible car wreck leaves him comatose for some time. There's kind of a spooky correlation to our current political reality with his premonition of an unhinged politician, (Martin Sheen) becoming a dictatorial president bent on unleashing nukes and Armageddon.

Subject: Re: Best Stephen King book to movie adaptations

Posted by [Raymond](#) on Sat, 02 Jan 2021 05:32:00 GMT

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The Shawshank Redemption is a movie that will always stand as a great for me. I read the novella and watch the movie on an annual basis, and they both have excellent staying power for me.

Subject: Re: Best Stephen King book to movie adaptations

Posted by [Mica](#) on Fri, 19 Feb 2021 01:07:40 GMT

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Wait, what? The Green Mile is a Stephen King book? I love that movie. I also loved Christine and Shawshank Redemption. Cujo and Children of the Corn still give me nightmares! Man he wrote a lot of books!
