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## 'What's better, the movie or the book?"

This is a question that often gets asked of movies based on books. Most people think that the book is better, but not always. Why do you think that is? Think of a movie/book pair that you are familiar with and compare the two and see if you can decide which is better, the movie or the book?

Here are some possible pairs you could choose from: any Harry Potter book/movie;
Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief; The Secret Garden; Diary of a Wimpy Kid; The Invention of Hugo Cabret/Hugo; The Bridge to Terabithia; Because of Winn-Dixie;
Coraline; The Illuminated Adventures of Flora & Ulysses; The One and Only Ivan; The Tale of Desperaux; Artemis Fowl; Charlie & the Chocolate Factory; Alice in Wonderland

Book:	Movie:	Which is better?:
Main Characters: Who are the main characters? Are their personalities and characteristics well-defined? Is their appearance clearly described? Give a score from 1-10	Main Characters: Do the movie main characters look the way they are described? Are they the right age? Give a score from 1-10	Winner:
Supporting Characters: Who are the supporting characters? Are they memorable and interesting? Give a score from 1-10	Supporting Characters: Are some key supporting characters missing from the movie? Or completely changed? Give a score from 1-10	Winner:
Costumes: Is the clothing of the characters described? Is it important? Give a score from 1-10	Costumes: Are the characters dressed as expected? Are the costumes detailed? Give a score from 1-10	Winner:
Settings: Are the settings in the book described in detail? Are they unique and interesting? Give a score from 1-10	Settings: Do the settings match the descriptions in the book? Are they bigger and better, or smaller and less interesting than expected? Give a score from 1-10	Winner:





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Important Scenes:	Important Scenes:	
Are there key, memorable scenes	Did the movie capture the essence	
that really stand out? Could you	of any key scenes, or were they	Winner:
picture them clearly?	shortened and felt flat?	
Give a score from 1-10	Give a score from 1-10	
Smaller Scenes:	Smaller Scenes:	
Are there smaller, less important	Are there smaller scenes or plot	
scenes or plot points that are fun	points that just got completely left	
or interesting?	out of the movie?	Winner:
Give a score from 1-10	Give a score from 1-10	
Overall Story:	Overall Story:	
Did the story in the book explain	Movies often leave stuff out from	
why characters behave the way	the book. Did the story in the	
they do? Do you feel you really	movie make sense? Did you	
understood the story and it all	understand the characters	
made sense in the end?	behaviour? Or did too much get left	
	out?	Winner:
Give a score from 1-10	Give a score from 1-10	
Overall, what score would you give	Overall, what score would you give	
the book?	the movie?	Winner:
Give a score from 1-10	Give a score from 1-10	
	1	Final
And the overall winner is:		Score:

Now pick a favourite book that hasn't been made into a movie and write a paragraph describing why it would make a good movie!





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