

Similarities

Plot:

- The general storyline is the same in both book and movie versions — Katniss Everdeen sacrifices herself in place of her sister Prim so as to take part in an annual televised death match known as The Hunger Games, during which children (tributes) fight until one remains standing.
- The major plot points such as Katniss/Peeta alliance, their struggle for life or death and final victory over all other tributes were there.
- Both versions center on the theme of rebellion against the Capitol.

Characters:

- **Katniss Everdeen:** She was fierce and decisive, traits I loved about her in the books too. A reluctant hero motivated by the love for her sister and high stakes survivalism.
- **Peeta Mellark:** In both majority cases, the movie and book depict Peeta as an altruist... kind-hearted guy who helps Katniss through-out the Games. His feelings for Katniss, his intelligence in tactics and loyalty are all preserved.
- **President Snow:** Whether on screen or in print, he is every bit of a menacing figure as the embodiment of tyranny within Capitol walls.

Themes:

- **Oppression & Government Control:** Both are strong to show that the state totally owns everything over all of its districts and is able to, the game as a means, in order shut off any rebellion.
- **Media Manipulation:** Since both the books focused on adapting how The Hunger Games were televised as well and moreover use them for mass manipulation, which idolized violence. Crucial elements in the book and film Interviews, commentary and use of spectacle

Setting:

- Both the film and book paint a vivid picture of the dystopian world in Panem, especially between the opulence of Capitol to District 12's sheer desperation.
- The arena and the Capitol have been designed to closely resemble what they look like in books with high-tech control rooms, lush futuristic architecture etc.

Symbolism:

- ***The Mockingjay*** : In the book and movie, The mockingjay PIN will be representing an act of rebellion against the Capitol.
- ***Katniss Fire Costume***: The costume that Cinna creates to declare Katniss, “the girl on fire,” is made clear in both.

Differences

Perspective:

Book: Third-person (only from Katniss) Readers get to see her thought process, emotions and inner turmoils in dealing with her own feelings for both Peeta and Gale.

Movie: The movie is in a third-person perspective, allowing the viewers to see some things Katniss doesn't (President Snow conversations/ Gamemakers manipulate the arena) This gives more depth to the storyline than if seen through Katniss's eyes only.

Character Development:

Peeta and Gale: This is not entirely explained in the film as well, while it shows us few things for viewers to understand his past with Katniss more than what you see otherwise-- and seems almost less impressed by Peeta's sly taking of control over much of the Games compared to on page.

Haymitch: Just as we see with Cinna, but even less so in his case; Haymitch is just a big lump of meat-headed fuckery on two legs without the round-about backstory that both he and Cinna share.

Plot Changes/Adjustments:

The Mockingjay Pin: The book, Katniss received the pin from a girl named Madge. Katniss discovers it at the Hob in the film and gave it to Prim. This subplot is far less complicated.

Avoxes: In the book, the concept of Avoxes - traitors that have their tongues removed - is introduced. For the film, it has not been elaborated. The point was entirely omitted due to its complexity.

Rue's Death: At the end, Katniss decorated the body of Rue with flowers as a sign of respect for her, which is seen in the film, too, but shortened.

Tone and Emotion:

Emotional impact is deeper in the book because of Katniss's voice. Most of her thought-provoking detailed thoughts and inner conflicts are minimized in the movie or taken visually with no explanation.

In the movie, Katniss's dread of her feelings for Peeta and the complexity of their feelings towards each other, all in the name of survival, is not as evident. Here are some ending differences: In the book, Katniss was much more reflective after the Games about how she had become part of a rebellion and her relationship with Peeta. The movie simplified that into a more sequel setup.

This is where the book tones down the emotional impact of Peeta's leg injury, later amputation in the film. One does see his injury, but it is not as bad.