**BOOKS VS MOVIE ADAPTATIONS, WHICH ONE IS BETTER?**

**Books or Movies? Which do you prefer? In this article, the author discusses why people are more inclined to watching movies and why.**

If you asked anyone today the following question; "Movie vs book, which do you prefer?" The popular answer would be a movie if the demographic were 21 or under. Since movies are a farmore exciting entertainment source, most people **would rather be** entertained with a higher-level experience that combines visual and audio effects to stimulate the senses.

There is no doubt that movies and film have penetrated deep into our society and culture. Movies can stimulate and influence attitudes and drive major behaviours across a mass audience. Whether blockbuster action films or love stories that **tug at our heartstrings**, movies try to deliver a promise that the audience will be taken into another place and time where fantasy and reality are easily crossed.

The question then becomes, is a Movie really a better entertainment option for those who have read the book? More often than not, the customer would say "No, the book was better". This then **begs the question**: why are we **biased** towards a story that resides on plain white paper as better entertainment than any studio can master on the big screen with mega budgets and high profile stars? The answer is imagination.

When reading a book, we are so **engrossed into** the story line that our mind's eye has crafted a picture and emotional response that is highly intense and real. With this in mind, a movie production would be hard to match what we've already formed within our mental file cabinet.

So why don't more people read "a good book" on a lazy afternoon, rather than **plunk down** 10 bucks on a **quick fix**? The answer is time. Comparatively speaking, the amount of time an individual needs to escape into a good book is a much more significant commitment. With time being a major factor, we are **naturally drawn into** the marketing machine that influences our decision to make a minor time commitment of a couple of hours vs several days.

In conclusion, when asked "Movie vs Book, which is better?" the book will probably be the answer most given.

Here are two of my favorite movies that were way better than the book:

**The Firm**

Although John Grisham's book is okay, it doesn't even come close to the movie. Say what you will about Tom Cruise and his eccentricities, but he really **nailed this part**. Who better to play a young, egocentric, career obsessed **go-getter**?

However, the screenwriters, and the genius of director Sidney Pollack are really theone to thank here. They did an excellent job of grabbing only those parts of the book that worked, and replacing those that didn't with much better material.

If you have to choose between the two, **pick the movie.**

**Jurassic Park**

I loved Michael Crichton's Jurassic Park. I remember staying late up into the nightreading it. When it was finally over, I was sorry. I just wanted more. This was thebook that prompted me to read everything else that Crichton had ever written.

But the movie was just spectacular. It was out of this world. Steven Spielberg **knocked this one right out of the park**. Those dinosaurs were real. Too real. It is almost as if he really did bring them back. He brought to life every part of the story that I only imagined while reading the book.

**QUESTIONS**

1. In paragraph 2, the author gives two points to illustrate the benefits of watching movies. What are they?

2. According to the author what's the reason why people will mostly say books are better?

3. If reading books is so enticing, why don't people read more?

4. According to the author, why was the movie "the firm" better than the book?

5. According to the author, why was the movie "Jurassic Park" better than the book?

**Find the definitions of the words below.**

1. Would rather than

2. To Tug at "your" heartstrings

3. To beg the question

4. Biased

5. To be engrossed into

6. A quick fix

7. To plunk down

8. To nail

9. Go-getter

10. To pick

11. To knock something out of the park

12. Throughout (the day)

13. Enticing

14. To be willing to

15. To enable

16. To engage

17. To wander

**ANSWER KEY**

1. **Would** **rather** \_\_\_\_\_**than** \_\_\_\_ : to prefer one thing to another.” I would rather stay home than go out tonight. It Is freezing!”

2. **To Tug at "your" heartstrings**: to cause you to have feelings and emotions, to

stir your emotions (to move you, touch you)

3. **To beg the question:** (expression): something or a situation makes

people want to ask that question;” her attitude begs the question: Why haven't

her parents talked to her about it.”

4. **Biased**: partial in opinions. If someone is biased, they prefer one group of

people or opinions to another, it is the opposite of impartial.

5**. To be engrossed into** - you are giving all your attention to something

6. **A quick fix**: an easy BUT temporary solution to a problem

7. **To plunk down**: to pay an amount of money, especially when it is expensive.

8. **To nail**: to achieve something or do something right.

9. **Go-getter**: someone who is very energetic and determined to be successful

10. **To pick**: to choose

11. **To knock something out of the park**: to do an amazing, outstanding, stellar

job. to do something exceptionally well

12. **Throughout (the day):** in every part of, during all ...

13. **Enticing**: attractive. If something is enticing, it attracts you by offering

advantages and pleasure.

14. **To be willing to**: to be ready, eager or happy to do something, if needed)

15. **To enable**: to make something possible, or to make someone able to do

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16. **To engage:** to participate or to become involved in something

17. **To wander: (of a person's thoughts)** to stop paying attention on something, lose focus and start thinking of other less important things.