

My thoughts on...

Book to movie adaptations

Are they any good?

Movies are a great way to bring our favorite stories to life, as long as they are done right. In my opinion a good book to movie adaptation stays true to the character's growth and main plot points. I will talk further about this in three examples.

Harry Potter

I love the Harry Potter movies mostly just because this is one of my favorite series and I grew up watching the movies. There are quite a few changes in the movie, some of which I agree with and some I don't. Specifically there are some characters that are left out of certain books. It is sad to miss out on these characters and what they add to the story, but at the same time it makes sense to cut these characters in order to make the movie more understandable in the time frame they are given.

The Hunger Games

The Hunger Games movies are my favorite book to movie adaptation. I think they are the most true to the books than any others that I've seen. There are minor changes which I think is good. I love how close the movies are to the books, but I think that a good book to movie adaptation could do with something new to keep viewers excited, as long as it does not change something that is vital to the story.

The Maze Runner

The first movie is fairly true to the books. Most of the main plot points are there although they are all done differently than in the books. The next two movies are increasingly less like their respective books. Much of the character growth is lost and everything feels rushed. The Maze Runner movies are not bad movies, but they do not adequately portray the story they are trying to and do not deserve the name of the Maze Runner.