

FROM PAGETO SCREEN

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When it comes to movie media, we sit back and enjoy the visuals and story line unfold in front of our eyes, but for our fellow book readers, the visuals are not so easy to “see” without an imagination. Book to movie adaptations attract all readers alike to see their favorite stories come to life, but one question still stands: are movie adaptations actually any better than books?



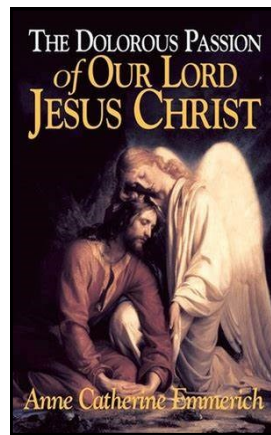
Ninth grade student, Michelle Mendez, recalls reading the book trilogy *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* by Jenny Han back in sixth grade. “I prefer reading the books over watching the movie because it’s more detailed,” asserted Mendez. Between the movie and books, Mendez clarified a major difference she noticed, “in the movie, Lara Jean’s little sister sneaks into her room and sends out her love letters in attempt to help Lara Jean get a life [but] in the book, Kitty sends her love letters as a form of revenge.”

Aside from this difference, Mendez remarked that “all the major plot points are the same, and the characters in the movie appear the same in the book.” Despite having watched the movies, Mendez expressed “when reading the book, I visualize myself in Lara Jean’s position, which makes the narrative even more interesting.”



Senior, Peace Ofori, who is the Vice President of HSA, shared similar sentiments to Michelle Mendez. Ofori watched the film, *The Passion of The Christ*, not long ago but has a personal preference to her readings because it gives her motivation.

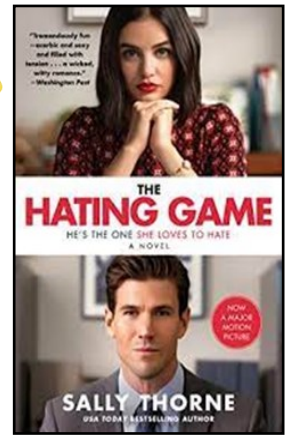
Ofori elaborated “the book helps to capture you into a world of imagination, but the movie doesn’t show all that the book talks about, it selects the parts they desire to show.” In terms of the movie actors, Ofori acknowledges “they did an excellent job, they dressed the part, and captured most of my attention.” While watching the movie, Ofori observed “they added details that never existed in the book” and concludes perhaps “the directors had their personal points to send



across to the audience.”



Junior Ariana Hernandez is another fanatic of enticing rom-com books and all the happily ever after’s. When asked about her favorite book she said it was *The Hating Game* by Sally Thorne that was just recently released as a film in December of 2021. Immediately Hernandez confesses that she had low expectations for the film as she is usually disappointed by book to film adaptations. However, she was pleasantly surprised this once when the characters were accurately portrayed in real life, which is something viewers are constantly worried about. Hernandez states, “character-wise, I think Lucy Hale played the role of Lucy Hutton-the main character of the story-perfectly because she fit the vibe of her awkward yet lively personality and matched the way she was physically described in the book.”



Regarding the plot, Hernandez was also satisfied with the storyline and how every event was something that occurs in the book. Her only critic was how rushed a lot of the scenes felt.

“I feel like the producers didn’t want to let down the readers and all the good moments the two main characters had so they did as many scenes that were fan favorites and they did not go into heavy detail,” she recalls, which seems to be a common downside to turning books into movies.

There is only so much content of a book that can fit in the span of one to two hours. For this instance, *The Hating Game* is about two completely opposite people who work for rival publishing companies and end up falling in love, so the thorough detail of key bonding moments and the proper build-up of emotional connection would have been necessary for the love aspect of the plot to not feel so forced and instead as magical as it felt from reading the book. At the end of the day, the film was enjoyable, but Hernandez still stands by books winning over the movies.

It is clear that students hold a preference over books, but that is not to say movies are not similarly praised. If anything, people have the ability to see their books come to life through the screen and appreciate the additional details books have to offer.



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Fresh off their highly successful collaboration with Mountain Dew, Frito Lay has recently given Doritos Cool Ranch chips the *Flamin' Hot* treatment. Already, early returns (we are talking weeks, here) have shown that *Flamin' Hot* Cool Ranch chips have surpassed all other Frito Lay *Flamin' Hot* products, including the newly recently released *Flamin' Hot* BBQ Fritos. This is of note because prior to this, no newly introduced *Flamin' Hot* product has managed to overtake the top position of sales.

Anticipating the hot product, Frito Lay has partnered with Taco Bell to offer a *Flamin' Hot* Cool Ranch shelled taco for a limited time only.

Taco Bell has confirmed that the new taco is part of their Taco Lover’s Pass.