



## Books that have been made into Movies and TV Shows

We all know that the likes of Harry Potter and Lord of the Rings were based on book series, but did you know that the ones below were too? Why not read the book to learn more about their universes or to try reading something new?

### The Book Thief

*Recommended for: fans of historical fiction, realistic settings and adventure*

**Blurb:** It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will be busier still. By her brother's graveside, Liesel's life is changed when she picks up a single object, partially hidden in the snow. It is The Gravedigger's Handbook, left behind there by accident, and it is her first act of book thievery. So begins a love affair with books and words, as Liesel, with the help of her accordion-playing foster father, learns to read. Soon she is stealing books from Nazi book-burnings, the mayor's wife's library, wherever there are books to be found.

(Blurb taken from: [Goodreads The Book Thief](#))

### Noughts and Crosses

*Recommended for: fans of romance, coming of age, societal/social commentary and science fiction*

*Recommended age: 15+ (contains some upsetting themes and challenging concepts)*

*Series: Total of 5 books in this series*

**Blurb:** Sephy is a Cross -- a member of the dark-skinned ruling class. Callum is a Nought -- a "colourless" member of the underclass who were once slaves to the Crosses. The two have been friends since early childhood, but that's as far as it can go. In their world, Noughts and Crosses simply don't mix. Against a background of prejudice and distrust, intensely highlighted by violent terrorist activity, a romance builds between Sephy and Callum -- a romance that is to lead both of them into terrible danger. Can they possibly find a way to be together?

(Blurb taken from: [Goodreads Noughts & Crosses](#))



## Tales from Earthsea

*Recommended for: fans of Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter, Sabriel, fantasy, magic and adventure*

*Based on: Tehanu*

**Blurb:** In the land of Earthsea, a mysterious force threatens to plunge humanity into destruction and chaos. A powerful wizard named Sparrowhawk seeks the source of his world's imbalance, and along the way rescues a runaway prince named Arren. When Sparrowhawk's powers begin to weaken, he and Arren must join forces with a former priestess and her daughter to defeat an evil foe whose quest for immortality will destroy Earthsea.

## Howl's Moving Castle

*Recommended for: fans of magic, adventure, coming of age narratives*

**Blurb:** Sophie has the great misfortune of being the eldest of three daughters, destined to fail miserably should she ever leave home to seek her fate. But when she unwittingly attracts the ire of the Witch of the Waste, Sophie finds herself under a horrid spell that transforms her into an old lady. Her only chance at breaking it lies in the ever-moving castle in the hills: the Wizard Howl's castle. To untangle the enchantment, Sophie must handle the heartless Howl, strike a bargain with a fire demon, and meet the Witch of the Waste head-on. Along the way, she discovers that there's far more to Howl—and herself—than first meets the eye.

(Blurb taken from: [Goodreads Howl's Moving Castle](#))



## Enola Holmes

*Recommended for: fans of mystery, thriller, strong female leads and adventure.*

*Based on: The Case of the Missing Marquess*

**Blurb:** When Enola Holmes, the much younger sister of detective Sherlock Holmes, discovers her mother has disappeared—on her 14th birthday nonetheless—she knows she alone can find her. Disguising herself as a grieving widow, Enola sets out to the heart of London to uncover her mother’s whereabouts—but not even the last name Holmes can prepare her for what awaits.

(Blurb taken from: [Goodreads The Case of the Missing Marquess](#))

## The Golden Compass

*Recommended for: fans of the fantasy, science fiction and dystopian settings. Features a strong female lead.*

*Based on: Phillip Pullman’s Northern Lights*

**Blurb:** When Lyra's friend Roger disappears, she and her dæmon, Pantalaimon, determine to find him. The ensuing quest leads them to the bleak splendour of the North, where armoured bears rule the ice and witch-queens fly through the frozen skies - and where a team of scientists is conducting experiments too horrible to be spoken about.

Lyra overcomes these strange terrors, only to find something yet more perilous waiting for her - something with consequences which may even reach *beyond* the Northern Lights...

(Blurb taken from: [Goodreads Northern Lights](#))



## The Secret Garden

*Recommended for: fans of realistic settings, strong female leads, coming of age narratives and historical fiction*

**Blurb:** When orphaned Mary Lennox comes to live at her uncle's great house on the Yorkshire Moors, she finds it full of secrets. The mansion has nearly one hundred rooms, and her uncle keeps himself locked up. And at night, she hears the sound of crying down one of the long corridors. The gardens surrounding the large property are Mary's only escape. Then, Mary discovers a secret garden, surrounded by walls and locked with a missing key. One day, with the help of two unexpected companions, she discovers a way in. Is everything in the garden dead, or can Mary bring it back to life?

(Blurb taken from: [Goodreads The Secret Garden](#))

## Books by Roald Dahl which have been adapted:

- [Matilda](#)
- [The BFG](#)
- [The Witches](#)
- [Charlie and the Chocolate Factory](#)
- [James and the Giant Peach](#)

## A Monster Calls

*Recommended for: fans of coming of age stories, fantasy, horror and realistic settings*

**Blurb:** Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill, ever since she started the treatments that don't quite seem to be working. But tonight is different. Tonight, when he wakes, there's a visitor at his window. It's ancient, elemental, a force of nature. And it wants the most dangerous thing of all from Conor. It wants the truth.

This book has been made into a feature length film.

(Blurb taken from: [Goodreads A Monster Calls](#))



## **Inkheart**

**Recommended for:** *fans of magic, fantasy and magic creatures*

**Blurb:** One cruel night, Meggie's father reads aloud from a book called INKHEART-- and an evil ruler escapes the boundaries of fiction and lands in their living room. Suddenly, Meggie is smack in the middle of the kind of adventure she has only read about in books. Meggie must learn to harness the magic that has conjured this nightmare. For only she can change the course of the story that has changed her life forever.

(Blurb taken from: [Goodreads Inkheart](#))

## **A Series of Unfortunate Events**

*Recommended for: fans of witty writing, plot twists, mystery and adventure*

*Series: Total of 13 books in the series*

**Blurb:** When their parents die in a mysterious fire, Violet, Claus and Sunny Baudelaire are thrown into a world of mystery and mayhem. Moving from continuously from relative to relative in attempts to escape the horrible Count Olaf who seeks their fortune, the Baudelaire children must use all the skills they have in order to escape and find out the truth of what happened their family.

Having been adapted into a feature film and a Netflix original TV series, A Series of Unfortunate Events is a saga beloved by people of all ages.



## Anne of Green Gables

*Recommended for: fans of realistic settings, strong female leads, coming of age narratives and historical fiction*

**Blurb:** Anne Shirley, an eleven-year-old orphan, has arrived in this verdant corner of Prince Edward Island only to discover that the Cuthberts—elderly Matthew and his stern sister, Marilla—want to adopt a boy, not a feisty redheaded girl. But before they can send her back, Anne—who simply must have more scope for her imagination and a real home—wins them over completely. A much-loved classic that explores all the vulnerability, expectations, and dreams of a child growing up, *Anne of Green Gables* is also a wonderful portrait of a time, a place, a family... and, most of all, love.

(Blurb taken from: [Goodreads Anne of Green Gables](#))

## Coraline

**Recommended for:** *fantasy, horror and plot twists*

*Recommended age: 13+*

**Blurb:** When Coraline moves to a new house, she goes exploring and discovers a door that leads to another house inside that strangely looks the exact same as the new home, except...different. The food tastes better and the other mother is nicer, her toybox is filled with new and exciting things but things take a sinister turn when the other mother wants Coraline to stay with them forever and never return to her actual parents.

## Stardust

*Recommended for: fans of fantasy, magic, romance and adventure.*

**Blurb:** Life moves at a leisurely pace in the tiny town of Wall—named after the imposing stone barrier which separates the town from a grassy meadow. Here, young Tristran Thorn has lost his heart to the beautiful Victoria Forester and for the coveted prize of her hand, Tristran vows to retrieve a fallen star and deliver it to his beloved. It is an oath that sends him over the ancient wall and into a world that is dangerous and strange beyond imagining...

(Blurb taken from: [Goodreads Stardust](#))



## Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children

*Recommended for: fans of fantasy, mystery and magic*

*Recommended age: 14+ (contains some gothic themes)*

*Series: Total of 6 in series*

**Blurb:** A mysterious island. An abandoned orphanage. A strange collection of very curious photographs. It all waits to be discovered in Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children, an unforgettable novel that mixes fiction and photography in a thrilling reading experience. As our story opens, a horrific family tragedy sets sixteen-year-old Jacob journeying to a remote island off the coast of Wales, where he discovers the crumbling ruins of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. As Jacob explores its abandoned bedrooms and hallways, it becomes clear that the children were more than just peculiar. They may have been dangerous. They may have been quarantined on a deserted island for good reason. And somehow-impossible though it seems-they may still be alive. A spine-tingling fantasy illustrated with haunting vintage photography, Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children will delight adults, teens, and anyone who relishes an adventure in the shadows.

(Blurb taken from: [Goodreads Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children](#))

## Divergent

*Recommended for: fans of the Hunger Games, science fiction and dystopian settings.*

*Recommended age: 16+*

**Blurb:** In Beatrice Prior's dystopian Chicago world, society is divided into five factions, each dedicated to the cultivation of a particular virtue—Candor (the honest), Abnegation (the selfless), Dauntless (the brave), Amity (the peaceful), and Erudite (the intelligent). On an appointed day of every year, all sixteen-year-olds must select the faction to which they will devote the rest of their lives. For Beatrice, the decision is between staying with her family and being who she really is—she can't have both. So she makes a choice that surprises everyone, including herself.

(Blurb taken from: [Goodreads Divergent #1](#))



## Shadow and Bone

*Recommended for: fans of magic, adventure and intrigue*

**Blurb:** Surrounded by enemies, the once-great nation of Ravka has been torn in two by the Shadow Fold, a swath of near impenetrable darkness crawling with monsters who feast on human flesh. Now its fate may rest on the shoulders of one lonely refugee.

(Blurb taken from: [Goodreads Shadow and Bone](#))