

Movies and Their Literary Roots

10 Things I Hate About You - Based on The Taming of the Shrew by William Shakespeare

2001: A Space Odyssey - Based on "The Sentinel" by Arthur C. Clarke

A Knight's Tale - Based on The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer

A River Runs Through It - Based on the novel by Norman Maclean

The African Queen - Based on the novel by C.S. Forester

Alice in Wonderland - Based on the novel Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

All Quiet on the Western Front - Based on the novel by Erich Maria Remarque

All the President's Men - Based on the book by Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein

Anne of Green Gables - Based on the novel by Lucy Maud Montgomery

Barry Lyndon - Based on the novel The Memoirs of Barry Lyndon, Esq. by William Makepeace Thackeray

A Beautiful Mind - Based on the book by Sylvia Nasar

Ben-Hur - Based on the novel by Lew Wallace

The Best Years of Our Lives - Based on the novel by MacKinlay Kantor

The Birds - Based on the short story by Daphne Du Maurier

Blade Runner - Based on Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep by Philip K. Dick

The Blind Side - Based on the book by Michael Lewis

Breakfast at Tiffany's - Based on the novella by Truman Capote

The Bridge Over the River Kwai - Based on the novel by Pierre Boulle

Bringing Up Baby - Based on the short story by Hagar Wilde

Brooklyn - Based on the novel by Colm Tóibín

Bye Bye Birdie - Based on the musical based on the short story "Dream Man" by Bill Doyle

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Camelot - Based on the musical based on The Once and Future King by T.H. White

Casablanca - Based on the play Everybody Comes to Rick's by Murray Burnett and Joan Alison

Casino - Based on the novel Casino: Love and Honor in Las Vegas by Nicholas Pileggi

Chaplin - Based on My Autobiography by Charles Chaplin & Chaplin: His Life and Art by David Robinson

Charlotte's Webb - Based on the novel by E.B. White

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang - Based on the novel by Ian Fleming

The Chronicles of Narnia - Based on the books by C.S. Lewis

A Clockwork Orange - Based on the novel by Anthony Burgess

Clueless - Based on Emma by Jane Austen

The Color Purple - Based on the novel by Alice Walker

Cool Hand Luke - Based on the novel by Donn Pearce

Das Boot - Based on the novel by Lothar G. Buchheim

The Day the Earth Stood Still - Based on "Farewell to the Master" by Harry Bates

The Devil Wears Prada - Based on the novel by Jennifer Weisberger

Doctor Zhivago - Based on the novel by Boris Pasternak

Double Indemnity - Based on the novel by James M. Cain

Dracula - Based on the novel by Bram Stoker

Dune - Based on the novel by Frank Herbert

Fiddler on the Roof - Based on the series of short stories Tevye and His Daughters by Sholem Aleichem

Fight Club - Based on the novel by Chuck Palahniuk

Forrest Gump - Based on the novel by Winston Groom

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Frankenstein - Based on the novel by Mary Shelley

The Godfather - Based on the novel by Mario Puzo

Gone with the Wind - Based on the novel by Margaret Mitchell

Goodfellas - Based on Wiseguy by Nicholas Pileggi

The Graduate - Based on the novel by Charles Webb

The Grapes of Wrath - Based on the novel by John Steinbeck

The Great Escape - Based on the novel by Paul Brickhill

The Green Mile - Based on the novel by Stephen King

Harry Potter - Based on the books by J.K. Rowling

Hidden Figures - Based on the book by Margot Lee Shetterly

Howard's End - Based on the novel by E.M. Forster

Howl's Moving Castle - Based on the novel by Diana Wynne Jones

The Imitation Game - Based on the book Alan Turing: The Enigma by Andrew Hodges

The Incredible Journey - Based on the novel by Sheila Burnford

It Happened One Night - Based on the short story "Night Bus" by Samuel Hopkins Adams

It's a Wonderful Life - Based on the short story "The Greatest Gift" by Philip Van Doren Stern

James and the Giant Peach - Based on the novel by Roald Dahl

James Bond Films - Based on the novels by Ian Fleming

Jaws - Based on the novel by Carl Gottlieb

Julie and Julia - Based on the books My Life in France by Julia Child & Julie and Julia by Julie Powell

Jurassic Park - Based on the novel by Michael Crichton

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The King and I - Based on the musical based on Anna and the King of Siam by Margaret Landon

King Solomon's Mines - Based on the novel by H. Rider Haggard

LA Confidential - Based on the novel by James Ellroy

Lawrence of Arabia - Based on Seven Pillars of Wisdom by T.E. Lawrence

Legally Blonde - Based on the novel by Amanda Brown

Legends of the Fall - Based on the novel by Jim Harrison

Les Miserables - Based on the novel by Victor Hugo

Little Women - Based on the novel by Louisa May Alcott

Lord of the Rings - Based on the novels by J.R.R. Tolkien

The Maltese Falcon - Based on the novel by Dashiell Hammett

Mary Poppins - Based on the books by P.L. Travers

Mildred Pierce - Based on the novel by James M. Cain

Misery - Based on the novel by Stephen King

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington - Based on the short story "The Gentleman from Montana" by Lewis R.

Foster

Mrs. Doubtfire - Based on Madame Doubtfire by Anne Fine

Muppet Christmas Carol - Based on A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Muppet Treasure Island - Based on Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Mutiny on the Bounty - Based on the book by Charles Nordhoff

My Fair Lady - Based on the musical based on Pygmalion by George Bernard Shaw

The Neverending Story - Based on the novel by Michael Ende

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No Country for Old Men - Based on the novel by Cormac McCarthy

O Brother, Where Art Thou? - Based on Homer's Odyssey

Old Yeller - Based on the novel by Fred Gipson

Oliver! - Based on based on the musical based on Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens

Once Upon a Time in America - Based on the novel The Hoods by Harry Grey

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest - Based on the novel by Ken Kesey

Out of Africa - Based on the novel by Isak Dinesen

The Outsiders - Based on the novel by S.E. Hinton

The Parent Trap - Based on Lisa and Lottie by Erich Kästner

Pet Sematary - Based on the novel by Stephen King

Phantom of the Opera - Based on the novel by Gaston Leroux

Pollyanna - Based on the novel by Eleanor H. Porter

The Princess Bride - Based on the novel by William Goldman

The Princess Diaries - Based on the novel by Meg Cabot

Psycho - Based on the novel by Robert Bloch

The Quiet Man - Based on the short story by Maurice Walsh

Rear Window - Based on the short story "It Had to Be Murder" by Cornell Woolrich

Rebecca - Based on the novel by Daphne du Maurier

The Remains of the Day - Based on the novel by Kazuo Ishiguro

Rob Roy - Based on the novel by Sir Walter Scott

A Room with a View - Based on the novel by E.M. Forster

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Roxanne - Based on Cyrano de Bergerac by Edmond Rostand

Schindler's List - Based on the book by Thomas Keneally

The Searchers - Based on the novel by Alan Le May

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers - Based on the short story "The Sobbin' Women" by Stephen Vincent

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The Shawshank Redemption - Based on the novella Rita Hayworth and the Shawshank Redemption by

Stephen King

She's All That - Based on Pygmalion by George Bernard Shaw

The Shining - Based on the novel by Stephen King

The Silence of the Lambs - Based on the novel by Thomas Harris

Somewhere in Time - Based on the novel by Richard Matheson

The Sound of Music - Based on the musical based on The Story of the Trapp Family Singers by Maria von

Trapp

Stand by Me - Based on the novella The Body by Stephen King

Strangers on a Train - Based on the novel by Patricia Highsmith

Stuart Little - Based on the novel by E.B. White

Swiss Family Robinson - Based on the novel by Johann David Wyss

The Talented Mr. Ripley - Based on the novel by Patricia Highsmith

There Will Be Blood - Based on the novel Oil! by Upton Sinclair

The Third Man - Based on the novel by Graham Greene

To Kill a Mockingbird - Based on the novel by Harper Lee

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Treasure of the Sierra Madre - Based on the novel by B. Traven

West Side Story - Based on the musical based on Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare

What Ever Happened to Baby Jane? - Based on the novel by Henry Farrell

Where the Red Fern Grows - Based on the novel by Wilson Rawls

Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory - Based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Witness for the Prosecution - Based on the short story by Agatha Christie

The Wizard of Oz - Based on the book by L. Frank Baum

Yentl - Based on the short story "Yentl the Yeshiva Boy"