

BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA: MOVIE VERSION

Study Guide compares the novel *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson to the movie *Bridge to Terabithia* (2007) starring Josh Hutcherson, AnnaSophia Robb and Zoey Deschanel. Directed by Gabor Csupo. Walt Disney Pictures.



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SAMPLE BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA: MOVIE VERSION

THE MOVIE VERSION OF *BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA* IS NOT LIKE THE BOOK by Katherine Paterson

RECOMMENDED MOVIE: *Bridge to Terabithia* (2007) starring Josh Hutcherson, AnnaSophia Robb and Zooey Deschanel. Directed by Gabor Csupo. Walt Disney Pictures.

HOW ACCURATE IS THE MOVIE VERSION OF THE BOOK?

Plot: ★★☆☆☆ Characters: ★★★★★ Setting: ★★★★★

Structure: ★★★★★ Symbols: ★★★★★ Theme: ★★★★★

THE MOVIE: SUMMARY

The following is a scene-by-scene comparison of the movie to the corresponding chapters in the book.

THE MOVIE: CHAPTER 5 *The Giant Killers*

May Belle brags at school that she has a Twinkie in her lunch. (**ACCURATE**) Janice Avery takes the Twinkie. (**ACCURATE**) May Belle runs to Jess at recess and demands that Jess fight Janice Avery. (**ACCURATE**, but in the book May Belle wants Jess to kill Janice Avery) The other kids complain that Janice makes them pay to get in the bathroom, so Leslie leads them to the bathroom chanting, “Free to pee! Free to pee!” (**ERROR: Not in the book**) When the kids get to the restroom that Janice is guarding, May Belle demands her Twinkie back. (**ERROR: Not in the book**) Jess asks May Belle if she knows what will happen if he fights Janice, and May Belle says that Janice will win. (**ACCURATE**) Jess explains that he can’t fight Janice because if he does he will get kicked out of school. (**ACCURATE**, but in the book Leslie, not Jess, explains the situation to May Belle) Leslie promises May Belle that they will get even with Janice. (**ACCURATE**)

While drawing in his room Jess thinks about what Leslie said about his being the king of the Terabithians. (**ERROR: Not in the book**)

The next day at school Jess hands Leslie a drawing that says, “Giant Troll Hunting Season Begins Today!” (**ERROR: Not in the book**) When Leslie arrives at Terabithia, Jess is waiting for her with a dog that he gives to her. (**ERROR: In the book Jess gives the dog to Leslie as a Christmas present**) Leslie loves the dog and names it Prince Terrien – P.T. for short. (**ACCURATE**)

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QUIZ

This quiz compares the movie *Bridge to Terabithia* (2007) starring Josh Hutcherson, AnnaSophia Robb and Zooey Deschanel to the novel *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson.

- ___ 1. In the movie Jess has to water vegetables in the greenhouse before school. In the book before school Jess has to
- a. feed the chickens
 - b. feed the horses
 - c. milk the cow
 - d. gather eggs
- ___ 2. In the movie Jess first meets Leslie at school. In the book Jess and Leslie meet in the
- a. pasture
 - b. woods
 - c. library
 - d. grocery store
- ___ 3. In the movie and the book Leslie gains the attention of the other students because she is
- a. pretty
 - b. funny
 - c. athletic
 - d. bilingual

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