

# FAHRENHEIT 451: MOVIE VERSION

**Study Guide compares the book *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury to the movie *Fahrenheit 451* (1966) starring Julie Christie and Oskar Werner. Directed by Francois Truffaut. Produced by Lewis M. Allen.  
An Enterprise Vineyard Film Production.**



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## SAMPLE FAHRENHEIT 451: MOVIE VERSION

### THE MOVIE VERSION OF *FAHRENHEIT 451* IS NOT LIKE THE BOOK by Ray Bradbury

**RECOMMENDED MOVIE:** *Fahrenheit 451* (1966) starring Julie Christie and Oskar Werner. Screenplay by Francois Truffaut and Jeannn-Louis Richard. Directed by Francois Truffaut. Produced by Lewis M. Allen. An Enterprise Vineyard Film Production. This is the ONLY film of the book. The movie version adds and leaves out some characters, but overall is fairly accurate and worth watching because it's Truffaut.

### 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: PART 1 THE HEARTH AND THE SALAMANDER

The image of TV antennas on houses in a neighborhood appears on the screen. The film opens with firemen sliding down the pole and boarding the fire truck. (**ERROR:** *The book opens with Montag happily burning a house*) The scene switches to a man sitting at home, eating an apple. He answers his phone. Someone warns him to leave. He runs away before the firemen arrive. (**ERROR:** *Not in the book*) The firemen search the empty house for books. They find a copy of *Don Quixote* hidden in the light fixture and other books behind a false TV screen, in a coffee table, and in the radiator. (**ERROR:** *Not in the book*) The firemen gather the books and take them outside to be burned. A crowd gathers outside to watch the burning of the books. (**ERROR:** *In the book, when firemen find books in a house, they burn the entire house down*) Captain Beatty drives the fire truck. After burning the books, Montag talks to the Captain about a promotion he is about to be given. (**ERROR:** *No promotion is mentioned in the book*)

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**QUIZ**

**This quiz compares the movie *Fahrenheit 451* (1966) starring Julie Christie and Oskar Werner to the novel *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury.**

- \_\_\_ 1. In the movie Clarisse is a teacher. In the book Montag knows Clarisse because she is
- a. a nurse to Montag's wife
  - b. a teenager who lives next door
  - c. a dispatcher at the firehouse
  - d. a TV actress
- \_\_\_ 2. In both the movie and the book people are obsessed with
- a. dancing
  - b. concerts
  - c. wrestling
  - d. TV shows
- \_\_\_ 3. A major plot difference between the movie and the book is that in the book
- a. Clarisse dies
  - b. Captain Beatty reads books
  - c. Montag's wife is an addict
  - d. Montag reads books

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