

## The Great Debate Books vs. Movies: Round I

By: Caitlee Hawley  
Editorial editor

### Upcoming Book to Movie Adaptations

Carrie  
by Stephen King  
The Host  
by Stephanie Meyer

The Hunger Games: Catching Fire  
by Suzanne Collins

The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones  
by Cassandra Clare

Divergent  
by Veronica Roth

Delirium by Lauren Oliver  
Percy Jackson: The Sea of Monsters

by Rick Riordan

Beautiful Creatures  
by Kami Garcia

The Great Gatsby  
by F. Scott Fitzgerald

The Forest of Hands and Teeth  
by Carrie Ryan

Pride and Prejudice and Zombies  
by Seth Grahame-Smith

World War Z  
by Max Brooks

Shiver  
by Maggie Stiefvater

Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment

by James Patterson

2013 has been named the year of book-to-movie adaptations, specifically for the Young Adult genre. In 2012, we saw *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn*, *The Hunger Games*, *The Hobbit*, and many more. This year, book films include *The Great Gatsby*, *The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones*, *Anna Karenina*, *World War Z*, and others. What does this mean for the reader? And for the moviegoer?

Becca Weishaar, senior, says:  
"I like watching the movies but I won't read the book."

Katie Radzwion, senior, said, "Your expectation of what the movie should be is always different from the book and what it turns out to be."

She also went on to say that in her perfect world, every book would have a 13-hour long adaptation, in order to get every detail on the screen.

I think we can all relate to the sense of disappointment that Katie is talking about. How many times have we, as readers, gone to see a movie and been disappointed because our favorite scenes were left out? And when they hire an actor for the hunky role that turns out to be less than what you expected?

(Pro tip: All perfect men and women are fictional.)

When a reader picks up a book, the words they read paint a picture in their mind – one that could never be duplicated on a screen. Two people reading the same book might have a conversation that looks like this:

Reader One: "Prince Charming has such beautiful blue eyes."

Reader Two: "Excuse you. Prince Charming has green eyes."

Reader One: [various angry tiger noises]

And so you see, the way a character is shaped may differ from person to person and this can cause conflict. Surely, not everyone can be pleased. Sometimes the best actor for the role has the wrong color eyes. Beyond the aesthetics, it is difficult to capture the motives and personalities of each character of a 600 page book in a 1.5 hour movie.

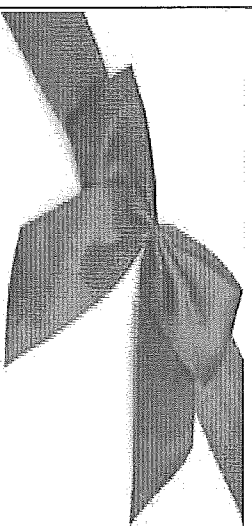
Sometimes, characters are completely cut from scripts. Unfortunately, this is inevitable. And when you think about it, it makes sense; a book that takes 20+ hours to read won't easily translate to a normal length movie. Even in the case of *Harry Potter* and *The Deathly Hallows* or *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn* that are split into two movies, that still only leaves about four hours to fit in every single detail of the books they represent. It isn't practical or even possible to recreate each detail.

There is a secret to this, though. A way to make everyone happy. If you want your 13-hour movie and your Prince Charming with green eyes and cheekbones carved by angels, lean in closer. I'm going to tell you how to get it:

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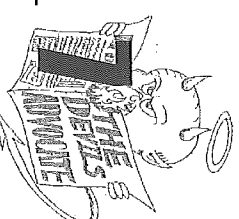
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# In Our Opinion



## Question of the Week

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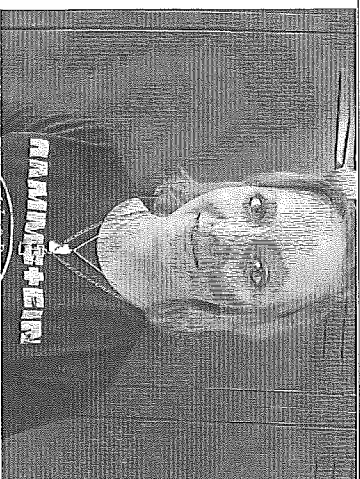
How are you planning to celebrate St. Patrick's Day?

### Staff



Mr. Roodbeen plans to kick back on St. Patrick's Day while watching Basketball.

### Senior



Hanging out with friends is how Sarah Batzdorfer plans to spend her St. Patrick's Day.

### Junior



Kaelyn Wilcox plans to have some fun on St. Patrick's Day.

### Sophomore



Joe Gusumano says he is going to drink a Shamrock Shake to celebrate the holiday.

### Freshman



Hannah Summerset is going to visit her boyfriend on St. Patrick's Day.

## Staff Editorial: We've Got Spirit... But Who's We?

WE'VE GOT SPIRIT, YES WE DO!  
WE'VE GOT SPIRIT, HOW 'BOUT...  
Oh, Never mind.

Unfortunately, there was an obvious lack of spirit during Snowcom-ing Spirit Week. Where were the wild costumes? The crazy people who go all out? Where is the school spirit?

In past years, students have gone over and beyond during Spirit Week, completely getting into the themes. The week leading up to the big game, everybody used to be excited and proud of their school, and dressed up each day to prove it.

And now what? Someone could wear a black T-shirt and jeans, and get away with it for "Black-and-White Day"? How does a black T-shirt represent school spirit?

Less and less people are dressing up, and there are plenty of reasons floating around. The spirit days "aren't good". No one "owns anything like that". Other people "don't feel like it". Excuses, excuses.

We think the school has lost its spirit. Students do not have the same pride in their school that they used to. School is just an obligation. There is no confidence, no energy. But why?

Maybe everyone is too preoccupied with what other people will think.

But who cares?  
Dressing in some crazy outfit during Spirit Week shows pride in your school. It is not supposed to be a fashion contest, but that is what it has become, apparently.

Everybody is so focused on what other people think that they have lost sight of what "spirit week" means. It is not about popularity or setting trends or even winning a prize at the end (not that anyone would complain). Spirit Week is school *spirit*—it says so right in the name!

It is about being confident and different and bold. Looking crazy but showing pride in your school. It is the only week during the year that being creative in what you wear is better than looking "normal".

How could we have forgotten? People go to games and cheers at varsity sports but at school, no one seems to show any spirit.

We need to remember what Spirit Week is all about and show everyone watching how much pride we have in our school.

WE NEED SPIRIT. YES WE DO!

## Too Many Snow Days?

By: Shelby Stewart  
News Editor

Call your friends! Go check Facebook! School is closed today!

...Again.  
And don't forget to tweet about it, too.

There is no doubt that high school students enjoy snow days, but when do they start to get annoying?

So far this semester, this is the first full week we have had. Between snow days and mid-winter break, we have had 3-4 days per week. Many students, myself included, are starting to get annoyed with the amount of days we sit on our couches and do nothing all day.

Snow days are supposed to be a luxury to us, but are we going on snow day overload?

Snow days are to keep students and staff safe from the bad road conditions, which is always a good thing. But the down side is that we don't do anything on the days off. It's starting to get boring and annoying.

For some students, such as myself, that have to get up early, it's

annoying that we are already up and ready to go to school when school is called off.

It is so disappointing when you're eating breakfast and get a text that says snow day at 5:30 in the morning. You know you're already awake enough that you won't be able to go back to sleep, even if you want to.

And of course, it's the day you look the best, isn't it?

It is important to stay off of the icy roads. Many students slide on ice and get stuck in the snow in bad weather. This is why it's good that the days have been called.

I guess we as students have to take advantage of the free time. Every snow day, people should have set plans to do something.

Every snow day, go build a snow man with your best friend. Every time the roads are bad, see how far you can roll a toy car down the ice-covered sidewalk.

When you are bored at home, go do something instead of watching reruns of old shows on daytime television.

Make your snow days worthwhile, because you won't get them forever.

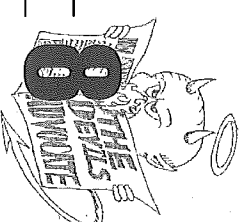
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## Hungry for Apps?

**By: Hunter Barjaktarovich**  
Features Editor

Nowadays, it seems like everyone has to have a smartphone so they can download all of their favorite apps.

From Apple's app store, to the Android market, there are thousands and thousands of both free and paid apps that can be downloaded. There are a range of apps, from tools to games and everyone and everyone seems to have their favorites.

There are multitude of games including word challenges, strategy puzzles, action games and many more.

Most games are interactive and you can play with or against your friends, which many people seem to like.

Here is a countdown of my top five favorite app games:

### 5. What's the Word

What's the Word is a fun word game, in which a player has to guess what a word is from looking at four pictures that represent it. There are letters shuffled under the pictures that you must use to create the word. It can be a fun game for a few days, but it does not have too many levels. After a week of playing, you may find yourself done with the app because you have completed all the levels and do not want to wait for more to be released. What's the Word is available on both Apple and Android powered phones for free.

### 4. Flow

Flow is a puzzle game, in which a player must connect multiple pairs of different colored dots, without overlapping another line. There are many levels, and the size of the boards and amount of pairs of dots to connect increases as you move farther in the game.

If you enjoy puzzle games, Flow may just be the app for you. Other puzzle games I may recommend include Unblock Me and Lasers. Flow is available for the iPhone and Android powered devices for free.

### 3. Subway Surfers

I enjoy playing Subway Surfers from time to time. It's an endless runner game, in which the player is running down a railroad swiping up, down, left, and right to dodge various roadblocks such as trains. You repeat this process, gaining coins to upgrade power-ups and can then compare your scores to your friends.

It is very similar to another very popular app, *Temple Run* and *Temple Run 2*. The only reason I believe Subway Surfers is better is because you don't have to tilt the phone to dodge left and right, and simply swipe instead. It makes the app much easier to play while lying down or in a car.

Games like Subway Surfers, however, can become tiresome as you are simply repeating the same thing over and over again. Subway Surfers can be downloaded for free on the iPhone and Android powered devices.

### 2. Ruzzle

Ruzzle is the iPhone version of Boggle, a word game in which the player must compete against a friend to find as many words he or she can, on a 4 x 4 board of letters. The words can be linked any way you can, including diagonals.

## The Luck o' the Irish

**By: Kathryn Radzwion**  
Staff Writer

On March 17<sup>th</sup>, everyone's Irish for a day. People all over the world celebrate St. Patrick's Day such as here in America, we wear green clothing and little necklaces that say "Kiss me, I'm Irish" or more accurately "Kiss me, pretending to be of Irish descent for the night".

In Illinois, The Chicago River is dyed green in honor of St. Patrick. Children in Canada and Great Britain enjoy parades held annually as streets fill with a sea of green t-shirts and hats. But of course, no one can celebrate St. Patrick's Day better than the Irish!

How do these leprechaun believers celebrate this holiday? Well, with a five-day festival of parades, and fireworks. On the huge parade on the 17th, fire jugglers and clowns dodge old-time cars, Harley Davidsons and marching bands

while crowds cheer on.

The Emerald Isle, or Ireland, is an island to the north-west of Europe covered in bright green grass and beautiful countryside.

The St. Patrick's Day celebration isn't just a one day thing. It starts the week prior and lasts all through March 17. However, you don't need to be of Leprechaun descent to take part in activities here at home.

You can start by making an Irish recipe.

Corned beef and cabbage, soda bread, stew or boxty are just a few of some really great recipes. You're probably wondering what exactly boxty is. Well for starters, cardboard boxes are not included in the recipe at all.

In a nutshell, Boxty is just potato pancakes, a mixture of shredded potato, milk, egg and flour that are made like regular pancakes on a griddle but don't have to be served at breakfast. They are actually most popular for dinner.

If cooking isn't your thing, because it definitely isn't everybody's calling in life as proven by me, you can just jam out to some Irish tunes.

Dannan McGinty from Glee started out in an Irish band called Celtic Thunder and sings cover songs of many artists including Michael Buble. The band U2 is from Ireland as well.

High school students can simply just wear green in honor of the Irish spirit if unable to accomplish any of the listed above.

Why even celebrate this holiday in the first place? Let's start with who started it all, St. Patrick.

The patron saint of Ireland was actually born in Britain who was taken prisoner by Irish raiders at the age of 16 and brought to Ireland. After working from farm to farm for six years, he escaped and is honored by Christians everywhere because he brought Chris-

The game is three rounds long, each round lasting two minutes long. As the rounds progress, more double letter, triple letter, double words, and triple word bonus tiles are placed in the game.

I became addicted to this game, challenging many of my friends to try and beat me. The more I played the more words I would find, and I got faster in swiping to enter the word. Ruzzle is free in the App Store and the Android Market. If you do not enjoy the speed aspect of Ruzzle, I may recommend you download Words With Friends.

### Clash of Clans

My absolute favorite app I have on my iPhone is Clash of Clans, a combat strategy game, in which you build a village with many different defenses and types of troops to attack others with. You compete against different people around the world to fight to the top of the leaderboard. I am also in a clan, with many of my friends, and compete against them to be number one in the clan. You can donate troops to one another and help each other. There is also a clan leaderboard, so the entire clan works to become number one.

I have probably spent more time than I should have playing the game, but it is definitely a fun game that will keep you busy. If you own an iPhone, iPod, or iPad, I recommend you download Clash of Clans. Sorry for all Android users, as it has not been released in the Android Market.

tianity to Ireland.

Even after years of not having any human interaction and working as a shepherd, St. Patrick found something he was passionate about and changed the world with it. It didn't matter how young he was. He found something he loved and devoted his life to it.

I can't be the only senior who is confused about what to do with the rest of their lives. I keep telling myself that 17 is too young to find a job that I'll be doing for the rest of my life.

Having to make big decisions this young can be intimidating and can seem impossible at times, but after learning about how much of an impact a 22-year-old had on an entire country, making a decision on college doesn't seem that scary anymore.

But this isn't just about college and jobs. This can be anything in our lives.

We can be passionate about anything in our lives like St. Patrick was about spreading Christianity.

I'm not saying you have to go sign up to be a priest right now in order to make an impact, but even something small can make a huge difference.

Find something you like and spread the word about it. If you love to wrestle, then why not help middle schoolers get involved in wrestling and help them practice.

Like animals? Volunteer at a shelter and perhaps something greater can happen because of that.

You never know what possibilities are out there until you go out and find that out for yourself.

A 16-year-old prisoner from Britain probably didn't think he would become a patron saint of a country. We can't be certain of what great things we can accomplish, but we won't find out sitting at home.

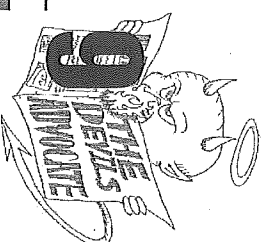
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**Would you rather?**

- Would you rather go skydiving or bungee jumping?
- Senior, Tyler Queen would rather go skydiving.
- Would you rather have no homework for the rest of the year or no tests?
- Sophomore, Haley Nicolopoulos would rather have no tests.
- Would you rather be a giant panda bear or a tiger?
- Senior, Caitlyn Gordon would rather be a tiger.

**Guess Who? Which Rh's Teacher is this?**

- A) Mr. Roodbeen
- B) Dr. Ladd
- C) Mr. Germain
- D) Mr. Rineer

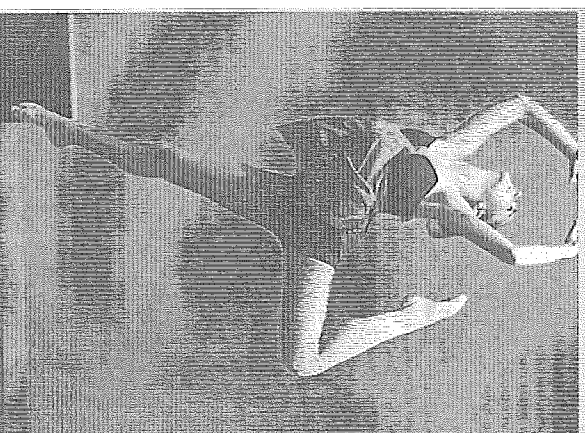
Answer on page 11.



Alex Allens, senior, has been dancing for 13 years.

"It's easier to express myself and my feelings through dancing. Dancing says what words cannot describe," said Allens.

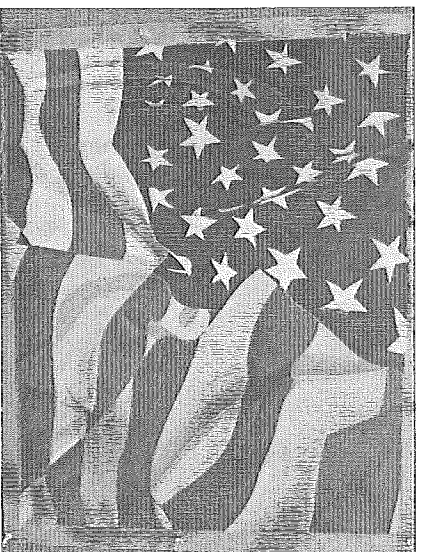
Alex has danced with the same instructor for the past 11 years and is now dancing at Leap of Faith Dance Studio. Her favorite type of dance is ballet and she hopes to become a part of Oakland universities dance team next year.



Alex Allens

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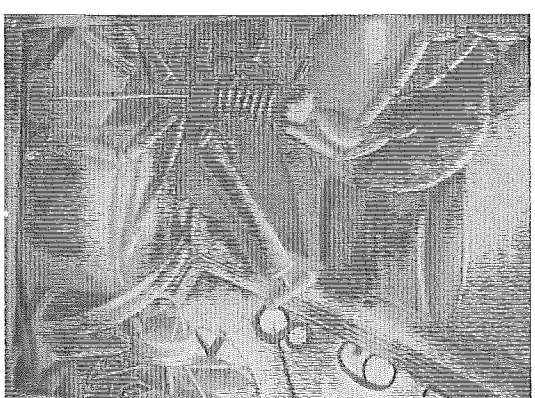
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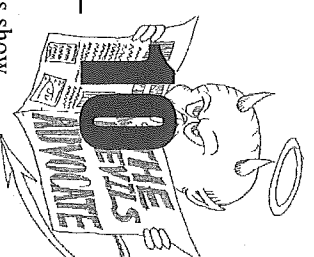


Ashley Fanale,  
12th grade



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# Features and News



## Beauty and the Beast

By: Rosie Urhan  
Staff Reporter

The rose, the golden gown, the talking teapot, and the dancing spoons.

All these things bring back childhood memories of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*.

The Aud Regional Youth Complex's production of *Beauty and the Beast* is coming this March.

"I've always loved the movie and I thought that it would be the perfect opportunity to portray my favorite childhood character," said Kelsey Williams, senior. "It has been really fun so far, with the dances and learning the music."

The Aud always has a great turnout for their shows. So many people audition that there is usually 2 full casts. The two casts each have a nickname; this time, they are Team Beauty and Team Beast.

"Mr. Osadchuk is the director for Team Beast and Mrs. Applegate is the director for Team Beauty," said Williams. "I'm a part of Team Beast."

While being in different casts does provide a different experience, the goal of both is the same: to give a good performance that audience members enjoy.

"I'm playing Belle in Team Beauty," said Stephanie Graham, freshman. "I really want to do a good job and it's frustrating when I make a mistake, but I just try better next time. I wanted to be a part of this play because I thought that it would be a good experience and I love the role of Belle."

The stage version, while very similar to the movie, does have some differences.

"My favorite song would probably have to be 'Home,'" said Graham. "Since it is not in the original movie, people won't be expecting it, but it's a really pretty song."

The classics, such as "Be our Guest" and "Beauty and the Beast" are still in the show.

"My part is Mrs. Potts in Team Beauty," said Lizzie Urhan, junior. "My favorite song would have to be 'Be our Guest' because of the fun melody, upbeat tempo, and clever lyrics." *Beauty and the Beast*, which originally came

out in 1991, is still loved by many.

"Because so many people already know this show, there is a certain expectation," said Urhan. "People expect to hear the songs a certain way and it's very nerve wracking because I want to do well with the part."

While *Beauty and the Beast* is a musical, for some of the castmates, it's not their first time on stage.

"I've been involved in over 25 shows," said Williams. "I prefer musicals because it's usually more upbeat and fun and more people can be involved."

The Aud has a no-cut program. That means that if you audition, you will definitely be in the show.

"I think that it's awesome that The Aud does this," said Urhan. "It gives everyone a chance to be involved in theater."

The show dates are March 8th at 7pm and March 9th at 2pm for Team Beast. For Team Beauty, they are March 9th at 7pm and March 10th at 2pm. Tickets are on sale now.

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## Richmond Drama Club has seen the Circle of Life

By: Hunter Barjakatarovich  
Feature Editor

Hakuna Matata!

The RHS drama club recently took a field trip to see a musical show on the Disney movie, *The Lion King*, at the Detroit Opera House.

Every year the drama club tries to go see a professional show of some sort, but this is the first time they have ever gone to see *The Lion King*. In previous years they have seen shows such as *Wicked*, *The Little Shop of Horrors*, and *Sweeney Todd*.

Mr. Applegate, the teacher who runs the Drama Club, decided to take the club to The Lion King this year.

"It was one of the shows a lot of the students wanted to see. Everyone knows *The Lion King* and it is a very family friendly show. It also has awesome costumes," said Mr. Applegate.

Mr. Applegate believes it is a good thing for kids to become interested in the theatre arts.

"It adds an appreciation for the talent that's out there. At a professional show, they don't get any second shots. Most students are pretty amazed by the talent," he said.

Seeing a professional show is always an enjoyable experience for the students that attend it.

"They've been impressed with the shows in the past. For a lot of the students, it is their first time ever seeing a professional show. Many of them want to go and see the show again or will buy merchandise like a t-shirt to remember the performance," said Mr. Applegate.

Michael Lepior, senior and member of the RHS drama club, attended the performance.

It was the first professional performance that Lepior had ever been to.

"I was very excited for the show. It went over my expectations. My favorite part was when the actors came out into the audience. They all walked around and flung long sticks with birds on the top around in the air," said Lepior. It was certainly a memorable show, and Lepior would recommend others to go see it.

"I would go to another performance in the future and recommend others go, too," said Lepior.

Along with him, many of his friends from the drama show went to enjoy the show, including Shelby Stewart and Jordan Zachow.

Both Stewart and Zachow have been in previous performances at the high school. They attended the show *Wicked* at the Detroit Opera House last year.

"Both were phenomenal but I liked *Wicked* better because I loved the music. *Lion King*'s music was amazing, but *Wicked* was my first show so it impacted me more," said Stewart.

However, Zachow thought differently.

"I liked *The Lion King* better than *Wicked* because it was more upbeat and uplifting. It was more fun to see a Disney movie than a serious play," said Zachow.

Stewart and Zachow did not only enjoy the show, but also learned from the show as well.

"Having a strong sense of character is important because most of the time the costumes were not full costumes, but by the character's presence, you could tell exactly who they were. The costumes were like African tribal wear and some were giant puppets," said Stewart. Zachow also learned from *The Lion King* performance.

"I learned to express myself more especially with how I use my voice. They emotion how you talk can be even more important than a facial expression, because most of the audience cannot see your face," said Zachow.

According to Stewart, the show followed the Disney *Lion King* movie very well.

"Seeing the performance on stage brought it to life even more," said Stewart. The show was attended on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2013, by around 20 members of the Drama Club.

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