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Christmas Books Turned Movies by Styla Brite

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Book or stories to film adaptations are famous nowadays -from the record breaking Harry Potter movies to the tweenâ€™s immortal Twilight movie and even for other successful installments such as the Chronicles of Narnia. These creations started out as books and due to its immense popularity with people from all ages, a movie or movies are created to satisfy fanâ€™s thirst to see the authorâ€™s imagination come to life.

It puts a face to your imagination. People want to see their heroes and heroines and not just a couple of black ink description they will find on books. The perfect way to see their book crushes come alive is by adapting it into a movie. If itâ€™s successful, they might even get a sequel, two sequels, or a juggernaut franchise as you can see with the past titles I gave you.

There are also Christmas movies that came from popular books or stories. These movies also provide a tangible look and meaning for abstract concepts on paper. Many examples of Christmas books turned movies are shown during the holidays.

The Gift of Love is one example of a movie that originated from a story. Written by William Sydney Porter, The Gift of the Magi narrates the story of a couple who is struggling with poverty due to the husbandâ€™s wage cut. As Christmas time approaches, they want to give each other special presents that would show their love for each other. The woman Della had her beautiful long hair cut and sold as a wig in order to buy her husband James a chain for the pocket watch he inherited from his grandfather. James, on the other hand, decides to sell his precious watch in order to buy Della beautiful tortoise shell combs and jewels for her beautiful hair. At Christmas Eve, when they exchanged gifts they realized that the items they purchased would be useless but they reveled in the fact that they received something far more precious than material possessions. It is the strength to let go of everything they deem important in the world just to see the happiness of the one they love. This story was adapted in The Gift of Love in 1978.

The Nutcracker Prince is another film adaptation of the story The Nutcracker and the Mouse King by E.T.A. Hoffmann. The film follows the story of Clara as she spends Christmas with her family and uncle. She is sad that her sister has a lover while she is still alone. To cheer her up, his uncle told her the story of the Nutcracker. In a kingdom, the king will be celebrating his birthday but it was ruined by mice eating his cake. He told his inventor to eradicate the mice population but unfortunately, he left the mouse queen and prince alive. As a revenge, they made the Kingâ€™s daughter ugly and the only thing that can save her is a man who can crack open a Krakatooth nut using his own teeth. When many failed, it was the inventorâ€™s son Hans who was successful to crack the nut and free the princess from the spell. The mouse queen was mad and she cast a spell for Hans to be a nutcracker doll. The queen died during the commotion and the mouse prince inherited the throne as king. Clara felt bad with the sad ending so she took her time to care for the nutcracker toy given to him by his uncle. This is the start of her adventures as the toys came to life and battled the mouse king once more. In the end, the spell was broken and Hans was revived to normal. When Clara woke up from her adventure, he went to his uncle to ask if it was all true when suddenly a boy entered and introduced as his uncleâ€™s nephew. His name is Hans and he looks like the human form of the Nutcracker.

The films that are adapted from famous Christmas stories make the values and lesson each story possess into a tangible work of art. Christmas stories become more special when they are given life through films. In a way, the pages become alive and celebrate with us during the festivities.

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