

ELLA ENCHANTED: MOVIE VERSION

Study Guide compares the novel *ELLA ENCHANTED* by Gail Carson Levine to the movie version *Ella Enchanted* (2004) starring Anne Hathaway, Hugh Dancy, Cary Elwes, Minnie Driver, and Vivica A. Fox. Directed by Tommy O’Haver. Miramax.



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SAMPLE ELLA ENCHANTED: MOVIE VERSION

THE MOVIE VERSION OF *ELLA ENCHANTED* IS NOT LIKE THE BOOK by Gail Carson Levine

RECOMMENDED MOVIE: *Ella Enchanted* (2004) starring Anne Hathaway, Hugh Dancy, Cary Elwes, Minnie Driver, and Vivica A. Fox.

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 1

OPENING SCENE: The voice of a narrator, a man who lives in a mythical kingdom, sets the scene. (**ERROR:** In the book there is no narrator) The story is set in the mythical land of Lamia. (**ERROR:** In the book the story is set in the land of Kyrria). Unicorns live in the kingdom. (**ACCURATE**) A paperboy throws a newspaper at a large house. (**ERROR:** Not in the book) A baby named Ella is crying. (**ACCURATE**) Ella's mother Lady Eleanor and the fairy Mandy hide the baby in a closet so the fairy Lucinda won't see her. (**ERROR:** Not in the book) Lucinda appears. (**ACCURATE**) Lucinda asks where the baby is. (**ERROR:** Not in the book) The closet door swings open revealing the baby. (**ERROR:** Not in the book) Lucinda bestows the gift of obedience on the child. (**ACCURATE**) The gift is a spell that makes Ella obey anyone who gives her an order. (**ACCURATE**) Lucinda commands the baby to go to sleep and wake up. (**ERROR:** Not in the book) Ella's mother Lady Eleanor and the fairy Mandy try to get Lucinda to undo the curse, but she refuses. (**ACCURATE**) Lucinda threatens to turn Ella into a squirrel. (**ERROR:** Not in the book) Ella wets Lucinda. (**ERROR:** Not in the book) Ella's father, Sir Peter, is downstairs reading the Want Ads in the newspaper. (**ERROR:** In the book Sir Peter is away on business as usual)

A little girl named Areida is bullied by other children. (**ERROR:** Not in the book) Ella makes friends with Areida. (**ACCURATE**, but in the book they become friends as teenagers in Chapter 9) At Ella's birthday party Mandy cuts the birthday cake and says, "Eat." (**ACCURATE**) Ella obeys and keeps eating cake until Mandy says, "Stop." (**ACCURATE**, but in the book this scene takes place when Ella is five years old and Lady Eleanor tells her to stop)

Lady Eleanor and Mandy tell Ella about Lucinda's spell. (**ERROR:** Not in the book) Ella practices the mandolin. (**ERROR:** Not in the book)

SAMPLE *ELLA ENCHANTED*: MOVIE VERSION

QUIZ

This quiz compares the movie *Ella Enchanted* starring Anne Hathaway, Hugh Dancy and Cary Elwes with the novel *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine.

- ____ 1. In the movie the story is set in the land of Lamia. In the book the story is set in
a. Kyrria b. Zork c. Craven d. Aurora
- ____ 2. In the movie and the book the mythical creature that lives in the land is a
a. griffon b. sphinx c. unicorn d. kraken
- ____ 3. In the movie and the book Ella's fairy godmother is
a. Olga b. Hattie c. Areida d. Mandy

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