

THE OUTSIDERS: MOVIE VERSION

Study Guide compares the novel *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton to the movie *The Outsiders* (1983) starring C. Thomas Howell, Patrick Swayze, Matt Dillon, Rob Lowe, Ralph Macchio, Emilio Estevez, Tom Cruise, Diane Lane. Directed by Francis Ford Coppola. Warner Brothers.



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SAMPLE THE OUTSIDERS: MOVIE VERSION

THE MOVIE VERSION OF *THE OUTSIDERS* IS NOT LIKE THE BOOK by S.E. Hinton

RECOMMENDED MOVIE: *The Outsiders* (1983) starring C. Thomas Howell, Patrick Swayze, Matt Dillon, Rob Lowe, Ralph Macchio, Emilio Estevez, Tom Cruise, and Diane Lane. Directed by Francis Ford Coppola. Warner Brothers.

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: Ponyboy Curtis begins to write a theme for his high school English class. (**ACCURATE**) The theme begins: “When I stepped out into the bright sunlight from the darkness of the movie house, I had only two things on my mind: Paul Newman and a ride home.” (**ACCURATE**, but the fact that the book is a theme is revealed in the last lines of the book in Chapter 12) As Ponyboy steps out of the movie theater, a red Corvair drives up and members of the Socs gang call him a Greaser. (**ERROR:** In the book a red Corvair full of Socs follows him, but the Socs do not yell at him) The boys in the car taunt and harass Ponyboy on his walk home. (**ERROR:** Not in the book) Ponyboy bounces a small red ball as he walks along. (**ERROR:** Not in the book) As he walks through the railroad yard, the Socs throw objects at him from a bridge overhead. (**ERROR:** Not in the book) The Corvair nearly runs over Ponyboy. (**ERROR:** Not in the book)

As Ponyboy nears home the Socs in the car jump him and threaten to cut off his hair. (**ACCURATE**) Ponyboy screams for help. (**ACCURATE**) The Socs pin Ponyboy down, stuff a handkerchief in his mouth, and hit him. (**ACCURATE**) One of the Socs pricks Ponyboy’s throat with a knife. (**ERROR:** In the book a knife blade grazes the side of Ponyboy’s head in the scuffle) Some Greasers, including Ponyboy’s brothers Darry and Sodapop, show up and run the Socs off. (**ACCURATE**)

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QUIZ

This quiz compares the movie *The Outsiders* (1983) starring C. Thomas Howell, Patrick Swayze, Matt Dillon and Ralph Macchio to the novel *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton.

- ___ 1. The movie does not specify the location of the story. In the book the story takes place in
a. Oklahoma b. Ohio c. Missouri d. Kansas
- ___ 2. In the movie and the book Soda tells Ponyboy that Darry loves him and is proud of him because Ponyboy
a. looks like his father
b. is kind like his mother
c. makes good grades
d. can work as a mechanic
- ___ 3. In the movie the parents of Darry, Soda and Ponyboy are killed in a train wreck. In the book the parents are killed in a
a. fire b. car wreck c. plane crash d. tornado

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