

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE: MOVIE VERSION

Study Guide compares the novel *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen to the movie version *Pride and Prejudice* (2005) starring Keira Knightley, Matthew Macfadyen, Rosamund Pike, and Carey Mulligan. Universal Studios.



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SAMPLE PRIDE AND PREJUDICE: MOVIE VERSION

THE MOVIE VERSION OF *PRIDE AND PREJUDICE* IS NOT LIKE THE BOOK by Jane Austen

RECOMMENDED MOVIE: *Pride and Prejudice* (2005) starring Keira Knightley, Matthew Macfadyen, Rosamund Pike, and Carey Mulligan. Universal Studios. This is as good a movie as any of the novel. Even though the movie omits 16 chapters of the book, it still covers the main plot lines and characters fairly accurately. The movie combines chapters into a single scene so the plot moves faster in the movie than it does in the book.

HOW ACCURATE IS THE MOVIE VERSION OF THE BOOK?

Plot: ★★★★★ Characters: ★★★★★ Setting: ★★★★★
Structure: ★★☆☆☆ Symbols: ★★★★★ Theme: ★★☆☆☆

WHAT'S IN THE BOOK THAT'S NOT IN THE MOVIE?

Louisa Hurst, Mr. Hurst, Maria Lucas, Mr. Denny, Colonel and Mrs. Forster, Elizabeth's two refusals to dance with Mr. Darcy, Elizabeth's dances with Mr. Collins, two drawing room scenes, one dance scene, two dinners at Lady Catherine's, Mr. Bingley's visits and dinners with the Bennets, Elizabeth's playing the piano and singing, Maria Lucas and her father's visit to the parsonage with Elizabeth, letters from Caroline Bingley to Jane Bennet, Mr. Bingley's sisters at Pemberly when Elizabeth visits, Mr. Collins's advice to disown Lydia and Mr. Wickham

WHAT'S IN THE MOVIE THAT'S NOT IN THE BOOK?

Mr. Darcy's kissing Elizabeth, a pig, cows and other livestock and a hay barn at the Bennets' home, Mr. Bingley's proposal, Mr. Darcy's declaration of love in a rainstorm, Lady Catherine's late-night visit to Longbourn, Elizabeth's coldness to Mr. Wickham after his marriage, scenes by lakes and rivers, the final movie scene between Elizabeth and Mr. Darcy

WHAT'S THE SAME?

The romances (Mr. Bingley and Jane Bennet, Mr. Darcy and Elizabeth Bennet, Lydia and Mr. Wickham), Lady Catherine's attempt to break up Mr. Darcy and Elizabeth, Mr. Darcy's attempt to break up Mr. Bingley and Jane, Jane's illness while visiting Netherfield, Elizabeth's walk in the mud to Netherfield, the Bingley sisters' ridicule of Elizabeth and the Bennet family, Elizabeth's marriage to Mr. Darcy, Jane's marriage to

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Mr. Bingley, Charlotte's marriage to Mr. Collins, Lydia's marriage to Mr. Wickham, Mr. Collins's inheritance of the Bennet home, Mr. Collins's admiration of Lady Catherine, Mr. Bennet's low opinion of Mr. Collins, Mrs. Bennet's low opinion of Mr. Darcy

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: Elizabeth Bennet walks through the English countryside reading a book as she walks. (**ERROR:** Not in the book. In the book the opening scene is a conversation between Mr. and Mrs. Bennet about marrying off their daughters) Elizabeth still reading walks past a clothesline full of laundry into her house where her sister Mary is playing the piano and the other sisters are playing games. (**ERROR:** Not in the book) Elizabeth overhears her parents' conversation about marrying off all their daughters. (**ERROR:** Not in the book) Mrs. Bennet tells her husband that the Netherfield Park estate has been bought by a rich, single gentleman, Mr. Bingley. (**ACCURATE**) Mrs. Bennet insists that her husband go to visit Mr. Bingley at once, keeping in mind that they have five daughters to marry off. (**ACCURATE**) Mr. Bennet surprises his family with the news that he has already visited Mr. Bingley. (**ACCURATE**) The mother and daughters rejoice when Mr. Bennet says that Mr. Bingley will be at the ball tomorrow. (**ACCURATE**)

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