

# A WRINKLE IN TIME: MOVIE VERSION

**Study Guide compares the novel *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle to the movie version *A Wrinkle in Time* (2003) starring Katie Stuart, Gregory Smith, David Dorfman, Chris Potter, Kate Nelligan, and Alfre Woodard. Directed by John Kent Harrison. (Made for TV movie broadcast on ABC in 2004)**



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**SAMPLE A WRINKLE IN TIME: MOVIE VERSION**

**THE MOVIE VERSION OF A WRINKLE IN TIME IS NOT LIKE THE BOOK by Madeleine L'Engle**

**RECOMMENDED MOVIE:** *A Wrinkle in Time* (2003) starring Katie Stuart, Gregory Smith, David Dorfman, Chris Potter, Kate Nelligan, and Alfre Woodard. Directed by John Kent Harrison. This made for TV movie aired on ABC in 2004. Although many scenes are not true to the book, this film is more accurate than the 2018 movie version.

**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?**

Mrs. Buncombe's bedsheets, Mrs. Porter, tesseract to a two-dimensional planet, gifts from Mrs. Whatsit, Mrs. Who, and Mrs. Which, the paperboy on Camazotz, creatures with tentacles, Meg's use of the periodic table, square roots, and nursery rhymes to ward off evil.

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

Star-watching rock, Calvin's brother Eric, science teacher, desert sandstorm on Camazotz, ice and snow on Ixchel, girl in pink, men in limos, Calvin's capture, Calvin's basketball fantasy, Mr. Murry's broken leg, glow worms, fire flowers, Meg's double, and the earthquake on Camazotz,

**WHAT'S THE SAME?**

The Murry family, Mrs. Whatsit, Mrs. Who, and Mrs. Which, tesseract, IT, Camazotz, the man with red eyes, Central Intelligence Center, and Aunt Beast.

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### **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:** Meg Murry is stargazing in her backyard. (**ERROR:** Not in the book) Meg imagines a time when her father was with her looking at the stars. (**ERROR:** Not in the book) Meg remembers that she once confessed to her father that she feels stupid. (**ACCURATE**) Her father tells her she is smart in her own way. (**ACCURATE**) Her father tells her that whenever she needs him he will be there for her. (**ERROR:** Not in the book)

Meg's mom calls her inside. (**ERROR:** Not in the book) Meg's father left the family a year ago and has not been heard from. (**ACCURATE**) Both of Meg's parents are scientists. (**ACCURATE**)

In the kitchen Meg's twin brothers Sandy and Dennys trade insults with Meg. (**ERROR:** Not in the book) Meg's youngest brother Charles Wallace emerges from under a quilt and talks to Meg. (**ERROR:** Not in the book) Charles Wallace doesn't talk to anyone except his family. (**ACCURATE**) Meg's mom says Charles Wallace is "new." (**ERROR:** Not in the book)

The scene changes to Meg's middle school. (**ERROR:** In the book this scene appears in Chapter 2) Meg is in science class. (**ERROR:** In the book Meg is in her social studies class) Meg is distracted by a crow pecking on the window. (**ERROR:** Not in the book) The male science teacher calls on Meg to repeat what he has just said about the parts of the brain. (**ERROR:** In the book the social studies teacher Miss Porter asks her to name the main imports and exports of Nicaragua) Meg mocks the teacher's voice and gestures, and corrects him regarding the cerebrum. (**ERROR:** In the book Meg replies "Who cares about the imports and exports of Nicaragua?") The teacher sends Meg to the principal's office. (**ACCURATE**)

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