

# RIKKI-TIKKI-TAVI: MOVIE VERSION

**Study Guide compares the story *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi* from *The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling to the animated movie version *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi* (1975), animated Chuck Jones Edition narrated by Orson Welles.**



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**SAMPLE RIKKI-TIKKI-TAVI: MOVIE VERSION**

**THE MOVIE VERSION OF *RIKKI-TIKKI-TAVI* IS NOT LIKE THE STORY IN THE BOOK BY RUDYARD KIPLING**

**RECOMMENDED MOVIE:** *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi* (1975), animated Chuck Jones Edition narrated by Orson Welles. The animated movie *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi* is an almost perfect version of the story *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi* from *The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling. The film includes authentic Indian music and images.

**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?**

Rikki-Tikki eats raw meat, his mother fed him dead snakes, his mother lived in the Governor's house and taught Rikki-Tikki how to please English people, Nag tries to strike Darzee in his nest, Teddy's father beats a dead snake with a stick, Rikki's dust bath, Darzee objects to the plan to destroy cobra eggs, Nagaina is the mastermind of the scheme to kill the family, Mrs. Darzee guides Rikki-Tikki to Nagaina's hole, red ants, Coppersmith, mongoose war cry.

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

Teddy names the mongoose Rikki-Tikki, Rikki-Tikki plays on a rocking chair, Rikki-Tikki falls in the bathtub with Teddy, Nag is the mastermind of the plot to kill the family.

**WHAT'S THE SAME?**

Rikki-Tikki's battles with Nag and Nagaina, Darzee and his wife, Chuchundra, Karait, Teddy and his parents, the stick, the gun.

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### **THE MOVIE: SUMMARY**

The following is a scene-by-scene comparison of the movie to the corresponding story.

**Opening scene:** A flood in India washes a young mongoose out of his burrow. (*ACCURATE*) A narrator's voice quotes the first sentence in the story. (*ACCURATE*) The mongoose tries to swim against the flood water. (*ERROR: In the story, the mongoose grabs hold of a blade of grass floating in the water*) The flood waters carry the mongoose far away. (*ACCURATE*) The mongoose passes out. (*ACCURATE*) He lies unconscious on the garden path of the estate of an English family. (*ACCURATE*)

A boy named Teddy finds the mongoose and thinks it is dead. (*ACCURATE*) Teddy wants to have a funeral for the mongoose. (*ACCURATE*) Teddy tells his father that the mongoose may not be dead. (*ERROR: Not in the story*) Teddy's father suggests they dry off the mongoose and try to revive him. (*ERROR: In the story Teddy's mother suggests they dry off the mongoose and take him inside*) They take the mongoose into their house. (*ACCURATE*) Teddy's father, a big Englishman, says the mongoose is not dead, just half-choked. (*ACCURATE*) They wrap the mongoose in cotton-wool and warm him. (*ACCURATE*) The mongoose comes to and sneezes. (*ACCURATE*) The father tells Teddy not to scare the mongoose and they will see what the animal does. (*ACCURATE*) The mongoose family motto is "Run and find out." (*ACCURATE*)

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