

THE RED BADGE OF COURAGE: MOVIE VERSION

**Study Guide compares the book *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane to the movie *The Red Badge of Courage* (1951) starring Audie Murphy, Bill Mauldin, John Dierkes, Royal Dano, Arthur Hunnicut, Tim Durant, Douglas Dick, Robert Easton Burke, and Andy Devine. Screenplay by John Huston. Directed by John Huston.
A Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Picture.**



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SAMPLE THE RED BADGE OF COURAGE: MOVIE VERSION

THE MOVIE VERSION OF *THE RED BADGE OF COURAGE* IS NOT LIKE THE BOOK by Stephen Crane

RECOMMENDED MOVIE: *The Red Badge of Courage* (1951) starring Audie Murphy, Bill Mauldin, John Dierkes, Royal Dano, Arthur Hunnicut, Tim Durant, Douglas Dick, Robert Easton Burke, and Andy Devine. Screenplay by John Huston. Directed by John Huston. A Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Picture. (Black and White) The black and white movie with Audie Murphy is still the most accurate. The movie takes a few liberties with characters and plot, but it's basically the book on film.

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: Soldiers of the Union Army march behind mounted riders and wagons. (**ERROR:** *Not in the book*) The scene switches to a picture of the campsite above a river. (**ACCURATE:** *This is the opening scene of the book*)

The men constantly drill and march around the campground. (**ACCURATE**)

A soldier is washing his shirt in the river. He hears a rumor while there. The rumor is that tomorrow his regiment will attack from behind the Rebel Army camped across the river. (**ACCURATE**) This soldier is Tom Wilson. (**ERROR:** *In the book this soldier is Jim Conklin*) He runs back to the regiment and tells them the rumor he heard at the river. (**ACCURATE**)

One of the soldiers angrily confronts Wilson and calls him a liar. (**ERROR:** *In the book it is Wilson who calls Jim Conklin a liar about the rumor*) Many of the men begin to discuss the rumor. (**ACCURATE**) Bill Porter says he does not understand why they have to march uphill instead of down. (**CHARACTER ERROR:** *Bill Porter is not a character in the book*)

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QUIZ

This quiz compares the movie *The Red Badge of Courage* starring Audie Murphy to the novel *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane.

- ___ 1. In the movie Henry Fleming writes a letter to his father asking him to gently break the news of his death to his mother if he is killed. In the book Henry's father is
a. a Rebel soldier b. dead c. in Scotland d. a Union soldier
- ___ 2. In the movie and the book Henry Fleming says that during the battle he will run if others run. If most of the men fight, Henry says he will
a. fight b. still run c. fight if they are winning d. fight if it is safe to do so
- ___ 3. In the movie a soldier tries to steal a pig from a girl on a farm. In the book the soldier tries to steal a
a. pie b. cow c. horse d. cake

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