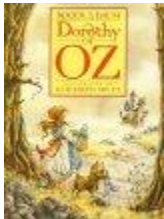


## Books to Movies – 2013

by Krista Biggs and Beth Gerall

Movie buffs abound these days so let your patrons know that some of their favorites are adapted from books. We've gathered a selection of newer releases adapted from a single book. Movies adapted from a series are not included.

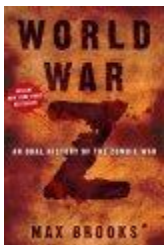


*Dorothy of Oz* (Oct 1989)

**By:** Baum, Roger S.

With the aid of Lion, Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and Tugg the talking boat, Dorothy battles Jester, who is using the dead Wicked Witch's magic wand to turn the citizens of Oz into porcelain dolls.

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ ■ Ages 9-12 ■ Fiction



*World War Z* (Sep 2006)

**By:** Brooks, Max

In *World War Z*, life as we know it ends the way many horror fans knew it would: zombies rise up! After the post-war devastation, author Max Brooks (son of actors Mel Brooks and Anne Bancroft) "interviews" survivors and records their stories as well as details on what causes zombies, how they spread, what will stop them, and effective strategic warfare methods against them. -- Description by Dawn Towery.

**Lexile:** 960

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ ■ Adult ■ Fiction



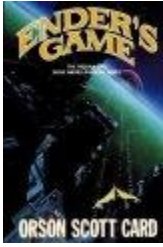
*Jimmy the Greatest!* (Apr 2012)

**By:** Buitrago, Jairo

Jimmy lives in a small town by the sea where there is just one tiny gym. The owner of the gym suggests that Jimmy start training, and to inspire him, he gives Jimmy a box full of books, as well as newspaper clippings about Muhammad Ali. "The Greatest." Jimmy is swept with admiration for Ali. He begins to read and run and box like crazy, and as he does so, he makes a great discovery: you don't have to leave home to be "the greatest."

**Lexile:** 680Adult-directed text

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ ■ Ages 9-12 ■ Fiction



*Ender's Game* (Jan 1985)

**Series:** Ender Wiggin, 1

**By:** Card, Orson Scott

A veteran of years of simulated war games, Ender believes he is engaged in one more computer war game when in truth he is commanding the last fleet of Earth against an alien race seeking the complete destruction of Earth

**Lexile:** 780

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult ■ Teens ■ Fiction



*City of Bones* (Mar 2007)

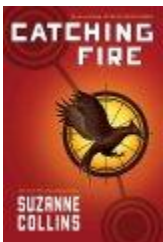
**Series:** Mortal instruments, 1

**By:** Clare, Cassandra

Suddenly able to see demons and the Darkhunters who are dedicated to returning them to their own dimension, fifteen-year-old Clary Fray is drawn into this bizarre world when her mother disappears and Clary herself is almost killed by a monster.

**Lexile:** 740

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ ■ Teens ■ Fiction



*Catching Fire* (Sep 2009)

**Series:** Hunger Games trilogy, 2

**By:** Collins, Suzanne

By winning the annual Hunger Games, District 12 tributes Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark have secured a life of safety and plenty for themselves and their families, but because they won by defying the rules, they unwittingly become the faces of an impending rebellion.

**Lexile:** 820

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ ■ Teens ■ Fiction



*Revenge of the Witch* (Sep 2005)

**Series:** Last apprentice, 1

**By:** Delaney, Joseph, 1945-

Young Tom, the seventh son of a seventh son, starts work as an apprentice for the village spook, whose job is to protect ordinary folk from "ghouls, boggarts, and all manner of wicked beasties."

**Lexile:** 840

**Popularity:** ★★★★★★ ■ Teens ■ Fiction



*Animal Masquerade* (Mar 2012)

**By:** Dubuc, Marianne, 1980-

All the animals are invited to the animal masquerade and disguises are a must. The animals choose costumes to disguise themselves as other animals.

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆☆ ■ Ages 0-8 ■ Fiction

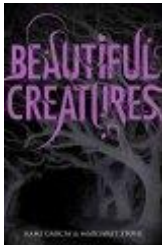


*Gone Girl* (Jun 2012)

**By:** Flynn, Gillian, 1971-

When a woman goes missing on her fifth wedding anniversary, her diary reveals hidden turmoil in her marriage, while her husband, desperate to clear himself of suspicion, realizes that something more disturbing than murder may have occurred.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★★ ■ Adult ■ Fiction



*Beautiful Creatures* (Dec 2009)

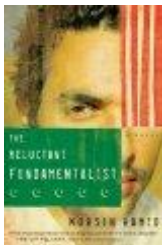
**Series:** Caster chronicles, 1

**By:** Garcia, Kami

In a small South Carolina town, where it seems little has changed since the Civil War, sixteen-year-old Ethan is powerfully drawn to Lena, a new classmate with whom he shares a psychic connection and whose family hides a dark secret that may be revealed on her sixteenth birthday.

**Lexile:** 670

**Popularity:** ★★★★★★ ■ Teens ■ Fiction



*The Reluctant Fundamentalist* (Apr 2007)

**By:** Hamid, Mohsin, 1971-

A young Muslim American, Changez is living the American dream, with an education at an Ivy League college, high-paying job, and romance with Erica, a member of the elite New York social circles, until the events of September 11th turn his life upside down and force him to confront his personal allegiances.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★★ ■ Adult ■ Fiction

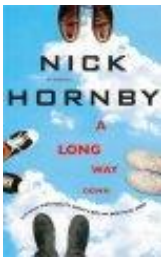


*Blood, Bones, and Butter* (Jan 2011)

**By:** Hamilton, Gabrielle

The chef of New York's East Village Prune restaurant presents an account of her search for meaning and purpose in the central rural New Jersey home of her youth, marked by a first chicken kill, an international backpacking tour, and the opening of a first restaurant.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★☆ ■ Adult ■ Nonfiction



*A Long Way Down* (Jun 2005)

**By:** Hornby, Nick

Meeting on New Year's Eve on the roof of Topper's House, a London destination infamous as a last stop for suicidal people, a talk show host, a musician, a teenage girl, and a mother share stories about their circumstances and decisions.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ ■ Adult ■ Fiction

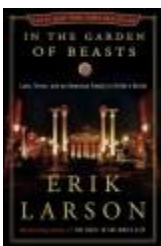


*Admission* (Apr 2009)

**By:** Korelitz, Jean Hanff, 1961-

Thirty-eight-year old Portia Nathan, a Princeton University admissions officer, must decide whether or not to confront the truth when a life-altering decision from her past resurfaces.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★☆ ■ Adult ■ Fiction



*In the Garden of Beasts* (May 2011)

**By:** Larson, Erik

Documents the efforts of the first American ambassador to Hitler's Germany, William E. Dodd, to acclimate to a residence in an increasingly violent city where he is forced to associate with the Nazis while his daughter pursues a relationship with Gestapochief Rudolf Diels.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ ■ Adult ■ Nonfiction



*Gangster Squad* (Aug 2012)

**By:** Lieberman, Paul, 1949-

Describes how the Los Angeles Police Department formed an eight-man special unit to go after LA's gangsters in 1946, and relates the efforts of two of the squad--Jack O'Mara and Jerry Wooters--to take down mob boss Mickey Cohen.

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction



*Up! Tall! and High!* (Feb 2012)

**By:** Long, Ethan

Through illustrations and simple text, birds demonstrate the meanings of the words up, tall, and high.

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Ages 0-8 Fiction



*Warm Bodies* (Mar 2011)

**By:** Marion, Isaac, 1981-

A zombie who yearns for a better life ends up falling in love with a human, in this original debut novel. R is a zombie. He has no memories, no identity, and no pulse, but he has dreams. He doesn't enjoy killing people; he enjoys riding escalators and listening to Frank Sinatra. He is a little different from his fellow Dead. Not just another zombie novel, this is funny, scary, and deeply moving.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction



*The Host* (May 2008)

**By:** Meyer, Stephenie, 1973-

A member of a species that takes over the minds of human bodies, Wanderer is unable to disregard his host's love for a man in hiding, a situation that forces both possessor and host to become unwilling allies.

**Lexile:** 640

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction



*The Best Bike Ride Ever* (Jun 2012)

**By:** Proimos, James

Bonnie O'Boy really wants a bicycle, but when she gets one, she forgets to do something that is very important.

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Ages 0-8 Fiction

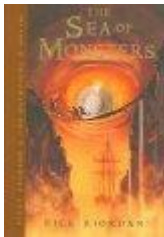


*Pitch Perfect: The Quest for Collegiate A Cappella Glory* (May 2008)

**By:** Rapkin, Mickey

Chronicles the competition between three contending groups for the Collegiate A Cappella championship, evaluating how their achievements reflect a rising surge in the music form's popularity, as well as the diversity that has shaped its expression.

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction



*The Sea of Monsters* (Apr 2006)

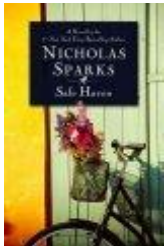
**Series:** Percy Jackson & the Olympians, 2

**By:** Riordan, Rick

When Camp Half-Blood, the only safe haven for demigods, comes close to being overrun by mythological monsters, Percy must find his best friend Grover, who is prisoner on an island in the Bermuda Triangle, and then set out to save the Camp.

**Lexile:** 740

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Ages 9-12 Fiction



*Safe Haven* (Sep 2010)

**By:** Sparks, Nicholas

Katie, a newcomer to the small town of Southport, North Carolina, resists forming any personal ties until she is drawn into relationships with Alex, a young widower, and Jo, her plainspoken single neighbor, who help her overcome her fearful past.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction



*Flashfire* (Nov 2000)

**Series:** Parker thrillers, 19

**By:** Stark, Richard, 1933-2008

Parker seeks revenge on the criminals who betrayed him as Melander and his gang head for Palm Beach to score a fortune in stolen jewelry.

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

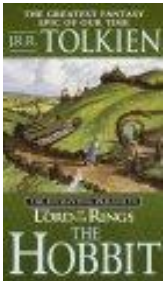


*The Big Adventure of the Smalls* (May 2012)

**By:** Stephens, Helen, 1972-

Too young to participate in the annual Small Hall Ball, Paul and Sally Small sneak into the festivities when Paul's tiny teddy bear goes missing, and nothing will stop the smallest of the Smalls from finding Paul's furry little friend.

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆☆ Ages 0-8 Fiction



*The Hobbit, or, There and Back Again* (Jan 1937)

**Series:** Lord of the rings

**By:** Tolkien, J. R. R. (John Ronald Reuel), 1892-1973

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.

**Lexile:** 1000

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Teens Fiction



*John Dies at the End* (Sep 2009) **By:** Wong, David, 1975 Jan. 10-

A full-length tale based on the cult online serial finds an increasing number of people changed into threatening inhuman creatures by a hallucinogen, a situation that places the fate of the world in the hands of a pair of anti-heroes.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

---

*Krista Biggs joined NoveList in 2007 after 14 years with the Louisville (KY) Free Public Library. She is currently the Reader's Advisory Content Editor for NoveList as well as the editor of NoveList's free Readers' Advisory Newsletter.*



*Beth Gerall is the Juvenile Content Lead at NoveList. She has 18 years of library experience, 14 of them as a teacher-librarian in public schools. She reads everything from picture books to young adult fiction, and was a member of the 2008 USBBY Outstanding International Books Committee and served on the ALA Notable Children's Books Committee for 2010 and 2011.*