

## Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone: Book vs Movie

J.K Rowling published Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone in 1997. The film based on the book came out in 2001 and was directed by Chris Columbus, written by Steve Kloves, and produced by David Heyman. In the story, Harry Potter is a boy who lost his parents as a baby and was given to his aunt and uncle where he faced years of neglect. One day he was accepted into Hogwarts School of Witchcraft & Wizardry, and his life changed forever. While both the book and the film share the same storyline, there are many details from the book that did not make it to the movie.

In the book, Harry Potter's Uncle Vernon hears people talking about Harry's parents after Voldemort killed them. He brushes it off and hopes that there is another Potter family with a baby named Harry. The movie left out the conversations from the wizarding world that Uncle Vernon overheard and the first time the viewer hears about Voldemort isn't until Hagrid tells Harry at the Leaky Cauldron. In the movie, Harry meets Draco Malfoy at Hogwarts before the house sorting. Harry finds Malfoy to be rude and conceited when he introduces himself to Harry. Harry turns Draco's offer to be friends. In the book, Harry meets Draco while he is shopping with Hagrid in Diagon Alley. Draco makes rude comments about Hagrid, which makes Harry dislike him well before he arrives at Hogwarts. The appearances of the characters also differ between the film and the novel. In the book, Harry has green eyes, and in the movie, he has bright blue eyes. Harry's eyes are referenced a lot as to looking identical to his mother's. Ron Weasley, Harry's friend, is described as tall and lanky, but in the film, he is around the same height as Harry and all the other boys their age. Hermione Granger, another one of Harry's friends, is described in the book as having bushy unkept hair and buck teeth. In the movie, she is

played by Emma Watson, who has wavy, but not bushy hair, and does not have two large front teeth. Towards the end of the movie, Harry finds out that Professor Quirrell, his teacher for Defense Against the Dark Arts, has Voldemort living on his head to stay alive. Harry touches Quirrell and the professor turns into dust by Harry touching his face. In the book, Voldemort separates himself from Professor Quirrell, killing him.

While there are many differences between the book and the movie of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, there are many similarities as well. Excluding a ghost named Peeves, all characters from the book are present in the movie. The book contains 309 pages, and the movie is around 2 and a half hours long. It is a film based on the novel, and J.K. Rowling did not make the movie, so it was a little different than what she had originally created. Both the film and the book were extremely successful and are still being talked about today, over two decades after their release. J.K. Rowling continued the Harry Potter series, and the Harry Potter series continued in film as well.