

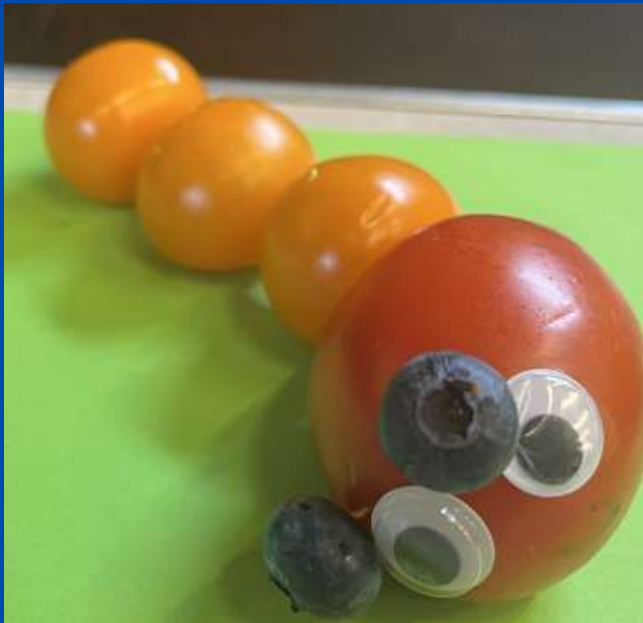
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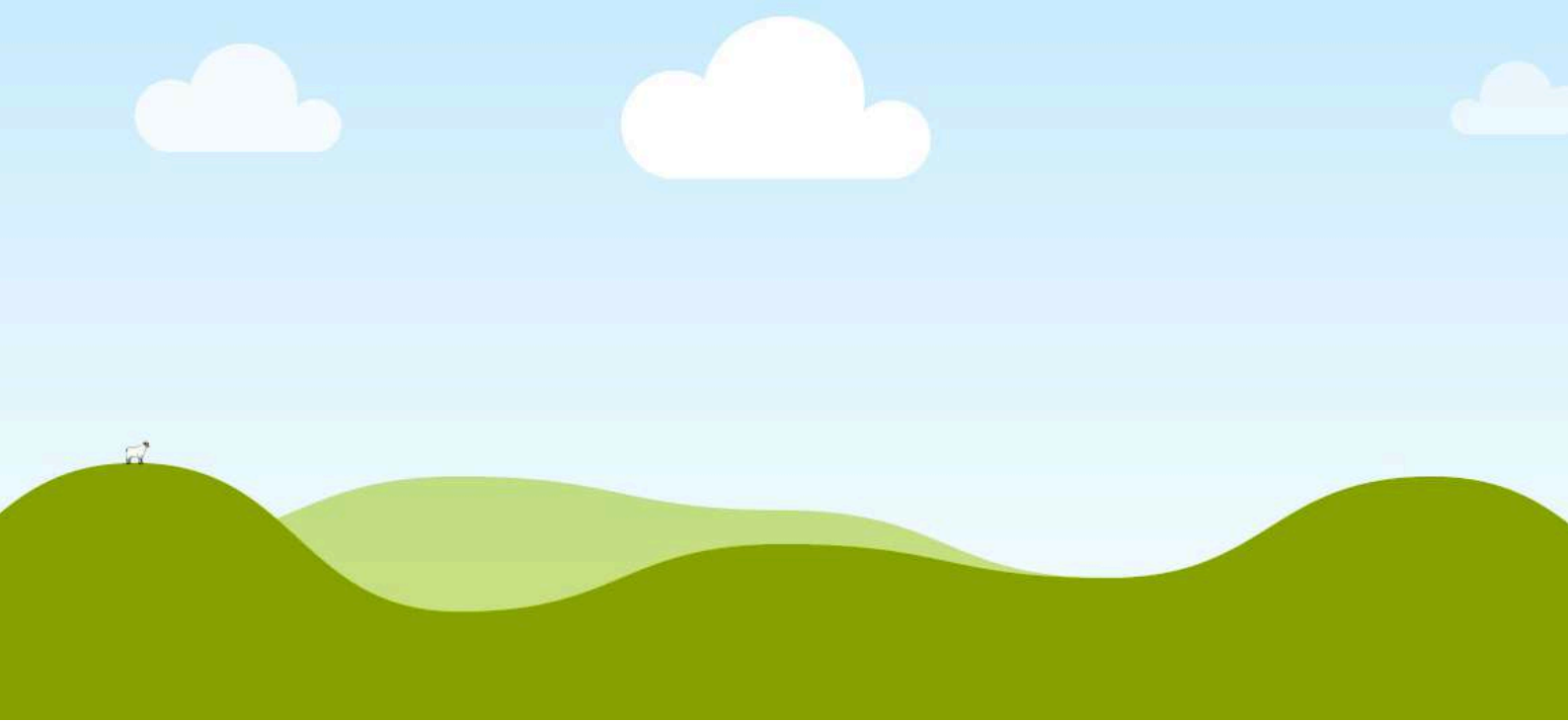


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From the Editors

We hope you enjoy this summer term edition of Fortistory. Every week I am delighted that so many students come to S33 on a Wednesday lunchtime in order to write articles and reviews.

I'd also like to thank Ms Whyte for her support of the Press Gang club this year.

We will be back in September and will be glad to see old and new faces at Press Gang.

Ms Brooks

P.S Hope you enjoy the pictures of cakes and vegetable animals from the Great Fortismere Show, another celebration of Fortismere's creativity.

'Kiss all the time. Disco, occasionally' review (and some extra things)

BY ALBIE DEAR



'Kiss all the time. Disco, occasionally' is the name of Harry Styles' new album, and it is very very very very very good. We're done here. Fine... I'll write more.

Aperture

It is January 20th 2026, Harry Styles has not done anything since JULY 2023 when finished 'love on tour' promoting the albums 'fine line' and 'harry's house'. You (I) are (am) crying (crying)! You are, also, very confused. Because Harry and others have posted images reading 'let the light in'. LIKE WHAT DOES THIS EVEN MEAN! Anyway, you go onto instagram and you see this: (picture above)

He's back! My life finally has meaning again!

This was huge news for everyone who's ever lived in the history of the universe ever!
And it's the best song ever! And now an album is releasing in 16 DAYS! WHAT!?

The release
March 6th.

Current status: no sleep for forever.

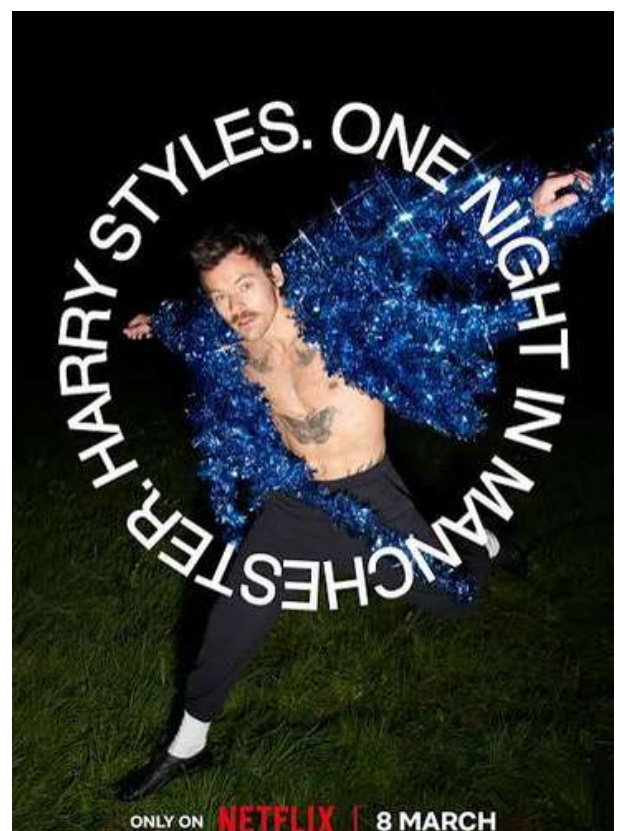
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I don't even know how to start this because everything is perfect! The songs (Aperture, American Girls, Ready Steady Go, Are You Listening Yet, Taste Back, Waiting Game, Season 2 Weight Loss, Coming Up Roses, Pop, Dance No More, Paint By Numbers and Carla's Song) make it acceptable that we had to wait for so long for it!

Obviously, the public perception of this album was very positive, and everyone would cut off their legs to buy tickets to the FIRST CONCERT OF THE TOUR THAT'S HAPPENING SO YAY but no yay because I couldn't see it because it's in Manchester but yay because IT'S BEING RECORDED ON NETFLIX AND I HAVE NETFLIX SO YAY YAY YAY!!!

Harry Styles: One night in Manchester

Watching this, it brings a tear to my eye because at the time the album would've only been out for 12 hours and all the die hard fans (Including me) knew all the words and Harry was so happy and I cried for so long, some would say even so long that it was scary. But I don't care about it anymore because I WENT TO SEE HIM IN WEMBLEY!!!!!!!!!!



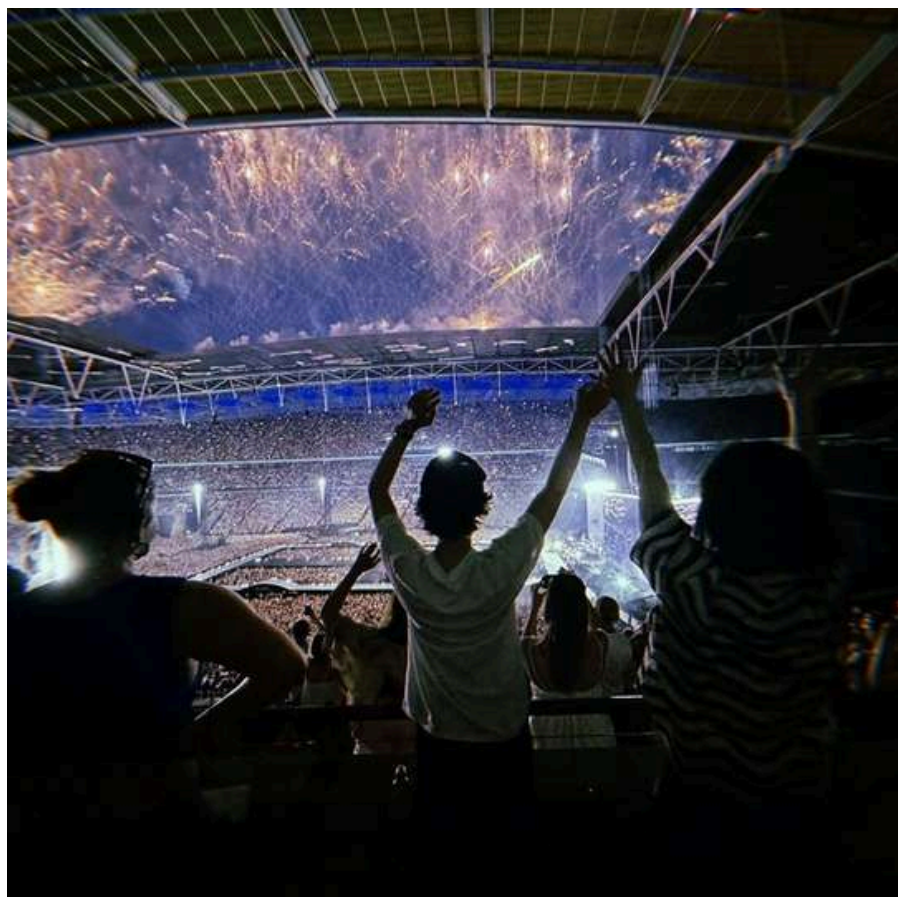
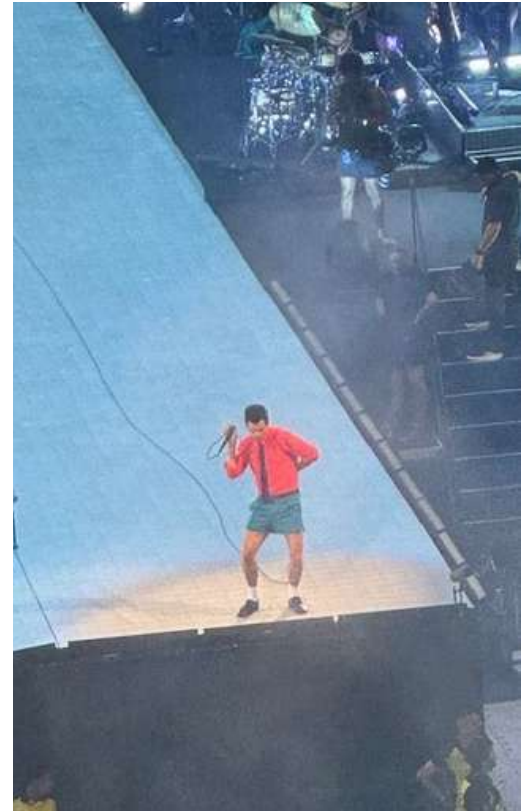
My 'Together Together' Experience

Ok first up THIS is my view:

What?! This was the most amazing event of my life and it will be forever no matter what. And also this was the first concert that I went to, so the bar is set pretty high for my life. Also, not to brag, but yeah, I was in a private box (Thankfully air-conditioned). And yeah, there were nuts and other snacks. So yeah, I had a pretty great time. The fans knew all the words, there were fireworks:

And I'm thankful that this picture is taken behind me because at this point in time I'm bawling my eyes out in joy.

Thank you so much for reading this, and I hope this has made you love or love Harry Styles more. My final message to all of you: In the words of Harry himself, 'Maybe, we can find a place to feel good, and we can treat people with kindness'. Thank you so much for reading this. And have a golden (You know I had to add just one reference for the ending sentence) day.





Local restaurant review - Kervan Addition

This article is an opinion piece, and the writers would like to acknowledge the review was based on 5 different factors that combine for the final judgement:

- Food quality
- Service
- ambience(atmosphere)
- Value for money
- Overall experience

Atmosphere

Our first impressions were of a modest interior, with sleek wooden tables and comfortable leather chairs in traditional Turkish colours, specifically imported from Turkey itself. The lighting is dim but still well lit, and reflects nicely off the mirrors that lined the back walls. LED lights run from one side of the walls to another and modest, circular chandeliers cast a welcoming glow over the wooden tables.. Lush indoor plants are placed on shelves to bring out a more natural feel, and exotic red tiles are in a geometric mosaic around the bar for a more cultural turkish vibe. The overall aesthetic is casual yet modern and very enjoyable to look at.

As for the noise, calming instrumental songs played over discreetly hidden speakers and mixed well with the laughs and bubbly conversations that erupted from every table. Despite that, the sounds were not too overwhelming and you could hear everything said on your own table.



Kervan food

We only got to sample the calamari and lamb shish. We also had the starters (all of them free!) of which included refreshing cucumber yoghurt, my personal favourite, sliced pittas, a big salad which was filled with crunchy and enticing vegetables. There was also a hummus which was on the thick lumpy side but still quite lovely. The lamb shish was our chosen main, it was chewy with a succulent and tender texture on the inside. The calamari we chose for a starter was nice and crispy and the bread crumbs were scattered evenly on to the surface. The ratio from batter to fish was exceptional.

We were kindly treated to a plate of baklava on the house , presented beautifully on a plate dusted in pistachio and pomegranate. The baklava was delicious, and collapsed in your mouth at just the right time whilst the pastry was baked to perfection, complimenting the soft pistachio in the middle of this little delight. At the end of our meal, we were offered free Turkish tea, as per the tradition at most Turkish restaurants, and it was a brilliant rosy red colour, served in rounded glasses. In our opinion, the perfect way to finish off a delicious meal!



Staff service and pricing

The staff were lovely, always eager to help and ready to answer any questions about the meal or the restaurant in general. However, they did approach our table a few too many times, occasionally disrupting us, but their overall patience was appreciated seeing as we took a while to order our meal. Once ordering, the starters came amazingly quickly, and the main followed in good time, as they seemed to have a very productive system that absolutely paid off as we had almost no wait time!

As for the cost, the total came in at just under £35, which may seem a bit pricy for lunch but was very well deserved, and fed the two of us extremely well- so the cost was, all in all, very worth the meal.

Final rating

Overall? The Kervan experience was wonderful and paid off to be an extremely enjoyable lunch trip, and the cuisine was delicious- a must go and one we will definitely visit again!



LGBTQIA2s+

By Aurelia Carboni-Quinn

As June is Pride Month, I thought it was a good idea to delve deep into the history of Pride and answer a very important question: What is Pride, and why do we have it?

What is Pride?

Pride is the visibility and acceptance of all genders, sexualities, races, and religions. It helps raise awareness for marginalised people all over the world. We celebrate Pride to show that everyone is human, and should be accepted, no matter what.

History

LGBTQ people have always existed, and always will. But, LGBTQ people have a long history of being mistreated, or marginalised. In the time of World War Two, LGBTQ people were imprisoned, forced to take hormonal medicine, or, at times, given a forced lobotomy (removal of part of the brain). People subjected to this often committed suicide, as the treatment left lasting effects upon the brain.

The Stonewall Riots

The Stonewall riots were a series of spontaneous, violent demonstrations and clashes against a police raid that took place in the early morning hours of June 28, 1969, at the Stonewall Inn in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of Lower Manhattan, New York City. In the 1960s, homosexual acts were largely illegal in the US, and police routinely raided establishments that served LGBTQ+ clientele, often beating staff and arresting patrons. When police raided the Stonewall Inn—a gay bar in Greenwich Village—patrons and neighborhood bystanders, tired of the constant harassment, fought back. What was meant to be a routine raid escalated into a multi-day rebellion. Over the span of five days, hundreds of people clashed with law enforcement, throwing debris and organizing protests outside the bar.



Why do we celebrate Pride?

We celebrate Pride to show our support and acceptance for people everywhere who are struggling to be seen. Pride is a time where marginalised communities can come together and let their voices be heard all over the world.

What does Fortismere do for LGBTQ people?

At Fortismere, we make sure that everyone is equal in their rights, and support students throughout everything. Fortismere is even lucky enough to have not one, but two student-run Pride clubs, one for Sixth Formers and one for Yr 7-11. Yrs 7-11 can come to T09 at Friday lunchtimes if they wish to join. Pride club is a safe space for LGBTQ people and Allies (someone who does not identify or conform to LGBTQ definitions, but is supporting) to talk to fellow peers and gain advice.

How can you help?

By just accepting people for who they are, and listening to your friends, you can help. If one of your friends wants to use they/them pronouns, respecting that is an easy way to support the LGBTQ community.

3 Ways to improve your creative writing

by Zach White

1. If you're stuck and can't think about anything to write about then you should: think of a genre, think of how characters act in this story and you could even base them off people that you see everyday!
2. Every story needs a villain so if you're going with action or drama there should always be someone trying to stop the plot.
3. Finally if you want to make a sequel you should always end with a cliff hanger.



BY LEO WELTER AND
FRED CARLESS

Social Media Ban_ Will it happen and is it a benefit?



In December 2025 Australia banned the use of social media to all under 16s. These included X, Instagram, YouTube, facebook, Snapchat, Reddit and streaming apps such as Kick and Twitch. These unprecedented methods are now being considered by countries in the EU, some states in the USA and in Britain, to solve the problem of the overuse of social media by under 16s. In Britain, Parliament is debating whether or not to follow in the footsteps of Australia and made a decision this Summer.

The average under 16 spends over 4.8 hours a day on social media. This staggering amount is almost half a waking day. Picture for one moment what teens could achieve if they put all of this time into something other than social media, they could change the world if they stopped doom scrolling. Social media is linked to the rise in mental health issues for teenagers across Britain. Social media also is usually unregulated which can lead to cyber-bullying, homophobia and racism. The goal of social media companies is to keep you on the app, so videos that provoke strong emotions, such as anger and controversy that will keep you invested in the videos are put on the algorithm of many people.



Despite the obvious benefits of banning social media, it can also cause a wave of problems with it. Firstly, enforcing the ban will be a massive challenge. If they use AI to check the age of the person before they make an account or before the app is opened ,then it could solve many problems involving how quickly someone can sign in. However, these AI checkers aren't perfect and could be easily bypassed with methods that are already being used on websites that are using AI to check age. Also, the use of AI to monitor the age of users may and most likely will be used to collect data which breaches the security of users and may contribute to a new era where companies and the government have constant surveillance on the common citizens. Furthermore, Australia will have a hard time enforcing this ban as some people have already admitted that they use ways to bypass the ban and that it hasn't greatly influenced their screen time.

The government has made the decision to do a ban like the way Australia has done. The ban will come into effect in early 2027 and will also include a screen time curfew for under-18s.

UK under 16 Social Media Ban

by Arthur Goldwater

As many of you might have heard, the government is planning on introducing a social media ban for all students under 16 years old and heavily restricting those under 18. In this article I am going to give you information on what is happening, how it affects you and what you need to know. I may get some facts wrong as the government has not given a full list of what is being banned but I will give you what information we know so you can best prepare for what is coming. This was influenced by the australia ban there but now it is considered australia + with the level of restrictions.

To start off with, I will talk about the practical side. The ban may become law from about November - December this year, with it being enforced from spring 2027, this means that you will not be able to access certain apps from spring next year. The apps are allowed to decide how they check your age but most will take a photo of your government id and check it with your face.

Some of the apps that are affected include Snapchat, Youtube adults (but Youtube kids will still be allowed), TikTok, Instagram and Chatbots. As I said earlier, the government had not released a full list when I wrote this so there will be lots of other apps that are not included in this list.

For 17 and 18 year olds the restrictions will be slowly lifted so that 16 is not a cliff edge. Some things will still be banned until the age of 18 though, so until 18 some things are still restricted. Some of the things blocked / restricted until 18 are infinite scrolling and they will introduce a curfew when you are not allowed on those apps anymore

To summarise, the ban will encompass infinite scrolling, curfew on when you can watch, and restrictions on what features on apps you can use. In the ban certain apps like instagram, snapchat and ticktok will be blocked for under 16s. Like the Australian system, this will not fully solve the problem but it will greatly reduce the amount of people addicted to scrolling.



BY JULIA PULE

“A In this article, I will be discussing which are better books or their movie adaptations, what books are turned into movies, comparing how successful they are and some of the problems with adapting books into movies. To fully answer the question above I will have to look at some examples as well.

What are better – books or their movie adaptations?

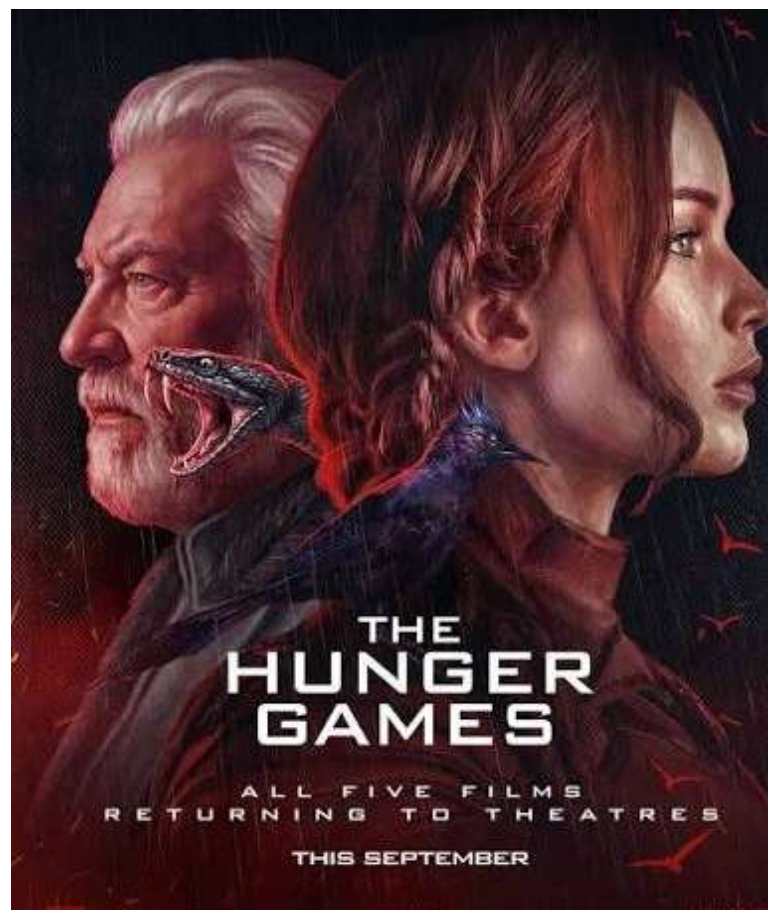


The examples I will be looking at specifically will be the Hunger Games, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, Misery, 1984 and The Hate U Give. I chose these books because of course they have all been turned into movies and they also cover a wide range of genres, from YA novels to classics, to fantasy so I can explore perhaps what genres are better transferred into movies.

1.The Hunger Games

The cult classic written by Suzanne Collins was published in 2008 and within two months was on the New York Times Bestseller list. The story follows 16 year old Katniss Everdeen in a dystopian parallel world to our own. Where her country of Panem is split into 12 districts who every year have to give a girl and boy between the ages of 11 - 16 to fight to the death for the entertainment of the Capitol. This competition coined the Hunger Games is also a deterrent to stop the districts rebelling against the Capitol. When Katniss' sister Primrose is selected for the Games she volunteers to take her place to save her life and the book follows her entering the battle and all that follows.

The book was highly successful and the series sold 100 million copies worldwide with the first book responsible for over 28 million units sold in the US and the books were translated into 51 languages. The movie came shortly after on the 23rd of March 2012, 4 years after the book. The movie grossed around 695.2 million dollars. This shows that the movie was widely successful and both the books and movies caused massive amounts of people to learn the story of Katniss Everdeen. The following books were also turned into movies with the 5th book (Sunrise on the Reaping) movie adaption releasing this year.



Suzanne Collins stated that she herself was really happy with the Hunger Games movies and said that the books and movies were "complimentary pieces that enhance one and other". Whether the author of the books liked the adaptations is something I would like to mention when looking at all the examples, because the author made the original story and whether they believe the movie did justice to their idea is worth keeping in mind when looking at the movies.

I believe that the Hunger games was turned into a movie because of its massive appeal, the success meant that there would be a demand for tickets from loyal fans who supported the book series. The idea itself is also so original and thought-provoking (as most dystopian books are) that even people who hadn't read the book might be interested in the concept and would want to watch the movie.

2. Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Like the Hunger Games, Harry Potter is another best seller series that dominated the book world throughout all the book's releases. In the simplest summary I can give about the first book for anyone who hasn't read it, Harry Potter is an 11 year old orphan who gets accepted into Hogwarts' School of Wizardry and Witching, it follows his first year of school and his discovery of the secret of the Philosopher's Stone and his encounter with the villain Lord Voldemort.

The book was one of the most sold worldwide of all time with 500 million copies across the globe, and was translated into over 80 languages. The movie was released in 2001, 4 years after the publication of the book. The movie was a major commercial success grossing \$974 million during its initial run and later surpassing \$1 billion after its re-runs. Both the books and movies were successful and the following books were also turned into movies. With a new Harry Potter series set to come out on 25th of December 2026, showing that companies still believe there is profit in the franchise.

J.K Rowling has expressed a positive message about the movies, with her favourite being Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows part 1. She herself was actively involved in the process, making sure the movies were an accurate representation of her artistic vision. Although she has expressed mixed emotions about some of the changes made to the adaptation. So she didn't agree with everything.

Like the Hunger Games I believe the popularity of the books were and the originality of the books were appealing to the production companies .



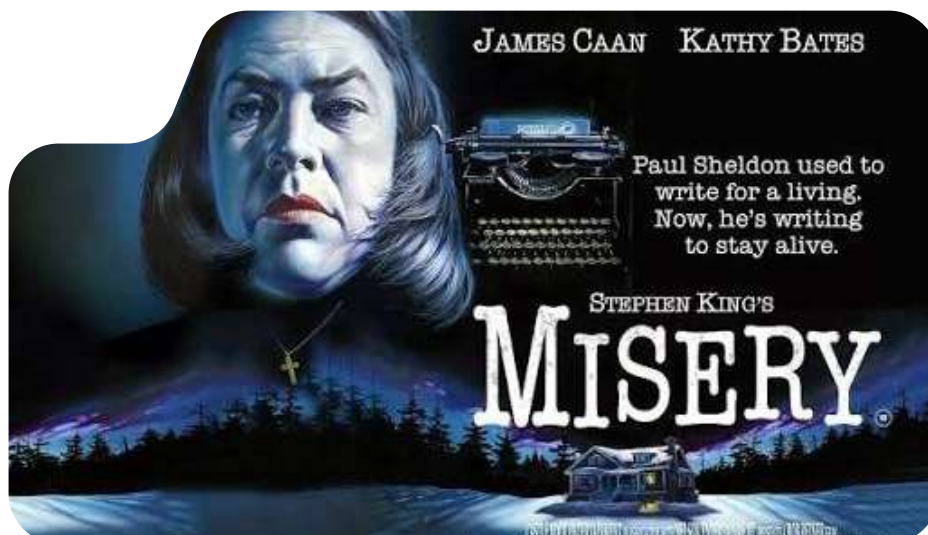
3. Misery

One of Stephen King's many books that have been adapted into a book or series, in fact only five of his fiction works haven't (Insomnia, The Eyes of the Dragon, Rage, Roadwork and The Long Walk). Misery however is about Paul Sheldon, author of the ever-successful Misery books which he has grown to despise. After killing off Misery in his latest book he treats himself to a drive but ends up in an accident that breaks both his legs. Luckily for him Anne Wilkes, his biggest fan, comes to the rescue and takes him back to her isolated farmhouse to nurse him back to health. This is where she learns of Misery's death and she couldn't be further from happy...

Misery was his 4th most successful book and the movie was also very successful when it was released in 1991. The movie grossed \$61.3 million and the actress playing Anne Wilkes (Kathy Bates) won an academy award for best actress in 1991.

Stephen King himself also liked the movie adaptation, he even expressed that the movie was better than the original and doted on Kathy Bates' performance as well. He noted that the movie had a hint of humour that his book missed and subsequently could have used. However his praise for Misery is not always the same response he gives to movie adaptations, with three notable ones I will expand on below:

1. The Shining - he expressed dissatisfaction stating that the character of Jack Torrance lacked depth and tragedy, the movie itself was a smash hit and I believe was also rather critically acclaimed by other reviewers.
2. The Dreamcatcher - he called it a "disappointment" and disliked the film's pacing and character development
3. The Lawnmower Man - which he felt didn't accurately represent his work



4.1984

The classic written by George Orwell in 1948 has remained popular and incredibly important despite it being the earliest release on this list. The book is about a worker in the Ministry of Truth called Winston Smith who spends his day altering historical records to fit the Party's regime and story. The Party is a strict totalitarian government that rules over their citizens under the watchful eye of Big Brother the Party's leader. Anything that doesn't follow the Party's rules can end up with a visit to the ever ominous Ministry of Love. However Winston secretly hates the Party but what will happen if this ever gets out? This dystopian novel was phrased as a warning to dictators not far from Big Brother.

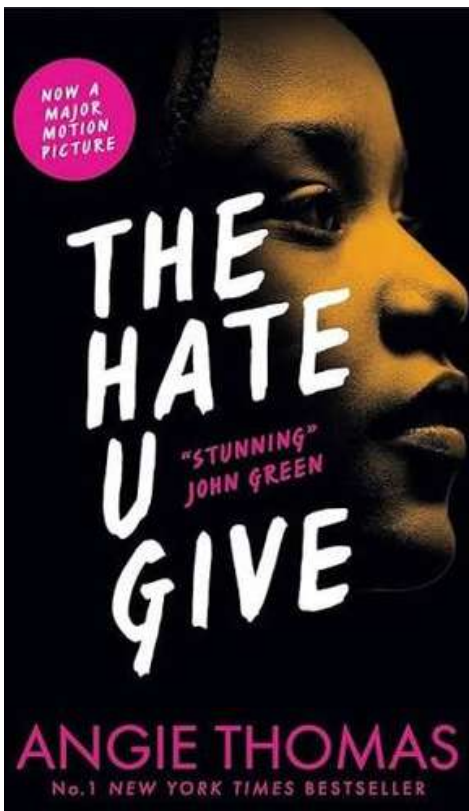
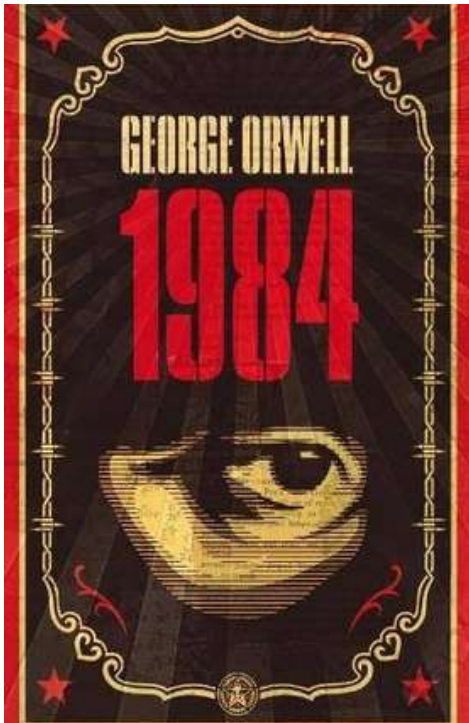
The movie adaptation was released on the 10th of October 1984.

Like the book the movie was treated as a literary masterpiece and considered a relevant body of work that should be discussed.

5.The Hate U Give

Angie Thomas wrote Hate U Give in 2017 under the genre of young adult as her debut novel. After she expanded it from a short story she wrote in college in response/reaction to the police shooting of Oscar Grant in 2009. The book follows and is narrated by 16 year old Starr Carter who becomes entangled in a news story after she witnesses her childhood best friend Khalil get shot and killed by a white police officer. Starr speaks up about the incident publicly and what injustices take place. Marking it as an incredibly powerful and important piece of literature.

The Hate U Give movie was released in 2018 and grossed over \$32 million. The book was also a best selling sensation. Winning the waterstones children's book prize (2018), british book awards children's book of the year (2018), William C Morris Award for best debut by young adult author, Boston Globe-Horn book award and Coretta Scott King Honor book.



Netflix TV shows and Movies

By Aurelia Carboni-Quinn

My Life with the Walter Boys

I started watching this after being recommended it several times (by the same person) and I found myself really enjoying it.

When prodigy student Jackie Howard's family suffers a tragic accident, she is dragged away from all she knows, moving from New York City to live with her mother's best friend Katherine Walter's enormous family on a ranch in a town called Silver Falls in rural Colorado. She tries to fit in with the vastly different lifestyle, trying to do well in school so she can achieve her dream of going to Princeton University, whilst dealing with her own feelings for not one, but two of the Walter boys.

I really liked this show because it's so diverse. Whilst there is a main love story, there are also smaller ones, exploring different kinds of relationships, such as an LGBTQ love story, fiancée problems, and even teacher love stories! I love how the plot of the story is mostly about the romance, but also has deeper, more intricate parts that really help immerse the watcher in the show.

The show has two seasons (But season three releasing summer-fall 2026) with ten episodes in each season. Each episode is 39-56 minutes long.

It stars Nikki Rodriguez as Jackie Howard, Noah LaLonde as Cole Walter, Ashby Gentry as Alex Walter, Corey Fogelmanis as Nathan Walter, Alix West Lefler as Parker Walter, Sarah Rafferty as Katherine Walter, Marc Blucas as George Walter, Johnny Link as Will Wakter, Isaac Arellanes as Isaac Garcia, Myles Perez as Lee Garcia, Lennix James as Benny Walter and Dean Petriw as Jordan Walter



Wednesday

I'm really into the Addams family movies (The classics not the animations) and so I started watching this show. It is by far one of the best TV shows I've seen in my lifetime.

Wednesday Addams likes to cause trouble. This emotionless, death loving teenager was expelled from eight schools in five years before her parents decided to enroll her in the school where they fell in love. Nevermore is a school for so-called 'Outcasts', people born with unique abilities, where her parents hope she can continue to develop her psychic abilities. There, Wednesday grudgingly befriends her over-enthusiastic Werewolf roommate, Enid Sinclair. When people start dying, Wednesday decides to investigate. Her path leads her down a twisted story of romance, death and monsters, and more than one close brush with death...

I enjoyed this show because it's such a hooking story, with twists and turns that leave you wanting more. Wednesday is such a complex character, and the show really explores that in a way the original Addams Family shows didn't.

The show has two seasons, both having eight episodes. The episodes are about 45-53 minutes long. Season three comes out mid-to-late 2027.

It stars Jenna Ortega as Wednesday Addams, Emma Myers as Enid Sinclair, Catherine Zeta-Jones as Morticia Addams, Isaac Ordonez as Pugsley Addams and Luis Guzmán.



Stranger Things

I like Stranger Things a lot, because I love sci-fi, Dungeons and Dragons, and anything with Millie Bobby Brown.

Stranger Things is set in the 1980s in the small town of Hawkins, Indiana, and begins with the mysterious disappearance of a young boy named Will Byers. As his friends and family search for him, they uncover a secret government experiment that has opened a portal to a dangerous parallel dimension called the Upside Down. Along the way, they meet Eleven, a girl with supernatural powers who escaped from the lab and becomes crucial in confronting the threats from this dark world. Each season expands the story with new creatures, government conspiracies, and challenges of growing up, blending sci-fi, horror, and mystery with strong themes of friendship, courage, and family, all wrapped in nostalgic 1980s charm.

This was also one of the shows that was heavily recommended to me by a lot of people, and I found myself enjoying the dark but comedic aspects of it.

The show has five seasons. Seasons 1, 3 and 5 have eight episodes, and seasons 2 and 4 have nine. Each episode is around an hour long.

It stars Millie Bobby Brown as Eleven, Finn Wolfhard as Mike Wheeler, Noah Schnapp as Will Byers, Caleb McLaughlin as Lucas Sinclair, Sadie Sink as Max Mayfield, Gaten Matarazzo as Dustin Henderson, Joe Keery as Steve Harrington, David Harbour as Jim Hopper, Natalia Dyer as Nancy Wheeler and Jamie Campbell Bower as Vecna.



Movies:

Enola Holmes

I started watching this because I really like Sherlock Holmes, and mystery films. I found it really interesting to watch, because usually I watch murder mysteries, but this was still a good film.

Enola Holmes lives with her mother, Eudoria, in the countryside, far away from any civilization. At the time, girls would be taught to embroider, or dance, but Enola's mother taught her other things, like fighting, and sports. Eudoria was Enola's whole world, until, one day, she vanishes. Enola must face a world where women are considered weak, and navigate the busy streets of London in order to find her mother.

My family has recommended this movie to me many times in the past, but for some reason I put off watching it. I don't understand why, because I really love these movies. The story focuses on Enola's mission to find her mother, as well as her slowly reconnecting with her famous older brother Sherlock and her maybe-romance with a boy whose life she saves.

There are two current Enola Holmes movies, with the third releasing on July 1st.

It stars Millie Bobby Brown as Enola Holmes, Louis Partridge as Tewkesbury, Henry Cavill as Sherlock Holmes, Sam Claflin as Mycroft Holmes and Helen Bonham Carter as Eudoria Holmes.



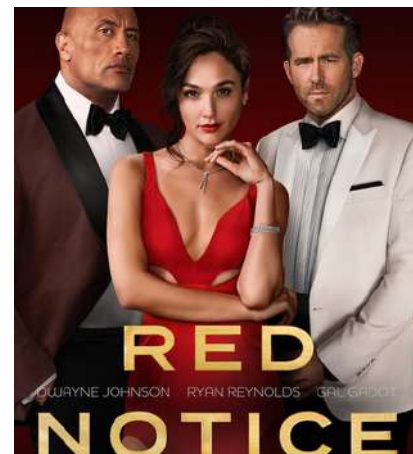
Red Notice

I absolutely loved this film. It was such a good comedy film. I started watching it by myself, and at the end, my family had joined me. None of us guessed the twist at the end!

John Hartley is the FBI's top profiler, assigned to Italy to track down the world's second best art thief, Nolan Booth, from stealing one of Cleopatra's eggs. When the mission goes wrong, and he is arrested, he must work with Nolan to stop the top art thief in the world, The Bishop, from stealing the other eggs.

It's a stylish mystery-comedy film that is a perfect watch for a lazy morning.

It stars Dwayne Johnson as John Hartley, Ryan Reynolds as Nolan Booth and Gal Gadot as The Bishop. It even has a surprise cameo from a famous British musician at the end!



Lift

This was one of those films I had random motivation to watch, after scrolling past it about a million times on my Netflix recommended films. I really enjoyed it though!

When notorious thieves, Cyrus Whitaker and his crew, are caught lifting a Van Gogh, they are recruited to help the government stop a terrorist supplier. Helped by Cyrus's one week girlfriend, the crew must hijack a passenger plane filled with gold.

It's such a mindless watch, you can just have it on to relax, to laugh, to unwind from a week.

It stars Kevin Hart as Cyrus Whitaker, Úrsula Corberó as Camila, Gugu Mbatha-Raw as Abby Gladwell, Vincent D'Onofrio as Denton, Yun Jee Kim as Mi-Sun, Billy Magnussen as Magnus and Sam Worthington as Huxley.



People We Meet on Vacation

This is a romantic comedy film, based on the New York Times Best Seller novel by Emily Henry.

Poppy Wright is an outgoing, over-enthusiastic extroverted girl who loves to travel more than anything else in the world. Alex Nilsen is a stay at home, quiet guy who just wants to get where he's going. These two polar opposites from the same town get stuck on a disastrous road trip together, which ends up in them becoming fast friends. Every summer, they agree to meet up somewhere in the world to go for a trip, until one year, they fall apart. Now, with time against her, Poppy struggles to rebuild the relationship she destroyed.

It's such a cutesy friends-to-lovers movie, and I really enjoyed the level into which they developed the characters.

It stars Emily Bader as Poppy Wright and Tom Blyth as Alex Nilsen.



Remarkably Bright Creatures

This is a heartwarming story based on the bestselling novel by Shelby Van Pelt.

Tova Sullivan is an old woman, working nightshifts at her local aquarium. After a heartwrenching accident happened to her son, and her husband's recent death, she faces the decision of whether she should move out of her hometown to a retirement home far away. Cameron Cassmore is a wannabe guitarist using his band's hiatus to track down his absentee father when his truck breaks down. Tova takes him up as her replacement so he can collect enough money to pay for its repair. Loss, grief, and an incredibly intelligent octopus overseeing it all...

I loved this film. Hands down, one of the best things on Netflix. I cried, I laughed, I curled up in a ball shaking with emotion. I had never even heard about this before one night my mother decided to put it on (Thank you Mom). It was such an emotional movie that hit me right in the core. Perfect for a weekend watch.

It stars Sally Field as Tova, Lewis Pullman as Cameron Cassmore, and Alfred Molina as Marcellus.



The Blehhh Wars

BY RIAN BOZEK

Blehhh is a fictional kitty cat who gets into a war with Dumbkins.

It all started when the blehhs started eating the dumbkins as a snack for dinner. This caused a huge spark in the dumbkin community which forced them to go to WAR!

“THEYVE EATEN TOO MANY OF US THEY MUST SUFFER!!!” said the dumbkin leader
“WE EAT THEM!” a baby dumbkin said.
“YEAHHHHHHHH” the entire dumbkins screamed
At the same time, the blehhs were munching on more dumbkins, *burp*.

Meanwhile, a human was growing pumpkins, not knowing they were dumbkins, which was the worst mistake he's ever made...

Alright everyone, dinner time!!” said the father, “we have pumpkin pie tonight!”

“I LOVE PUMPKIN!! THEY'RE SO YUMMY!” said the daughter.

After finishing their dinner, they went to bed without thinking anything of it.

one day later



“OH MY GOD WHY IS THERE A PUMPKIN ON MY HEAD?!” said the entire 7 person family in unison.

“These aren't pumpkins, these are Dumbkins...” said the grandad

“WHAT THE HELL ARE DUMBKINS?!” asked the daughter, gasping at her head in the mirror, trying to pull the dumbkin off her head, before realising it was impossible.

“In my youth, I was once an archeologist and an explorer. That's when I encountered the dumbkins village underground. They trapped me, jailed me and forced me to eat one of them. They tasted like normal pumpkins - maybe even better. However, they never warned me that it would turn me into one. When I woke up the next day, I saw the same dumbkins on my head as the ones you have right now. It is said that after a week you'd be fully turned into one, with those 2 front teeth, orange and forever smiling.”

“So if you've eaten one before, why aren't you a dumbkin right now and why didn't you warn us?” asked the mother.

“Ill explain it later, and my dementia made me forget about that whole experience.” said the grandpa, "continuing on, i thought my life was over, i had spent 6 days searching for cures in historical books that have now been destroyed and burnt with no trace, and found nothing. That was until i met the last smartkin ever too exist. She told me to visit the Blehhhs, a magical kitty cat who has powers unknown to man kind. And thanks to them, i am immune to the dumbkin curse =, which is why i do not have a pumpkin on my head.”

“How do we find the blehhhs? I HATE HAVING THIS STUPID DUMBKIN HEAD ON ME!” said the daughter.

“The journey takes several days...” said the grandad.

“BUT WE ONLY HAVE 7 DAYS!! HOW DID YOU MANAGE IT IN ONE DAY?!” asked the son

“As i explained, i was an archaeologist, and before i found a warpstone - a magical sphere capable of granting teleportation, 1 use per stone.” said the grandad.

“Do you have more?” asked the mother.

“Yes, just one, we must all throw it at the same time to teleport us together.” explained the grandad, “it is hidden in a secret safe under my house, as part dumbkins, you all have immense power that you will need in order to do this quest. Go my family, get it before it's too late.”



FISHER'S LIFE – Part 1 (part 2 in the next edition)

by Jonah Liu

Ep 1 – Set sail to Thunderclap island!

CHAPTER 0 - PROLOGUE

Time existed enjfkjdsdjsklakdskl “Bongus you need to narrate properly!”

“We are here , uh what was your name...?”

“Call me Dober , Full name is Dober Voidsman!

...

Welp here I am , my new home ...Opal Island!

Dober looks around the Island , colourful shops , floofs with fishing rods and buckets of fish , lively palm fish , i mean palm trees ; large buildings with unknown purposes and the scent of fish that actually isn't so bad! I thought it would've smelled terrible here .

All right , the Floof leader said to meet him at the uh ...

Dober looks at his paper slip .

Ah I see , the very tall tower in the background yeah .

Dober proceeds to make his way to the tall futuristic tower in the centre of the island

“Fish! Fish! Come get some fish!”

Many chatters and sounds of store owners lingers everywhere and the feeling of liveliness hovering around Dober creates such a lovely atmosphere in this island!

He arrives in front of the tower entrance and was ready to go in ;

“HALT SIR STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS!” a floof in a suit stepped in front of Dober blocking the entrance

“W... what?”

“Only people with an opal pass are allowed to enter! are allowed to enter!”

Before the floof could speak again Dober just pulled out his card that the captain floof gave him .

“Uhh is this it?”

“HOLY SWEET CANDYCANE OF FLOOFS! SIR I AM EXTREMELY SORRY TO STAND IN YOUR WAY SIR ! Let me bring you to Captain Floof!”

Dober was left speechless wondering why the Floof had such a big reaction.

CHAPTER 1 - BASICS AND RULES!

SO DSHSIUADASDHKA,ENWQMEQMRNWE,MNTM,ER CMON BONGUS SHUT UP!!!! I AM NARRATING NOW

The Floof takes Dober to an elevator and clicks floor 10 .

FLOOR 1

FLOOR 2...

FLOOR3...

FLOOR4...

AND SO ON IM TOO LAZY TO NARRATE THIS

Ding!

The two elevator doors open up , revealing a long hallway with fish tanks on both sides , with closer examination all those fish seemed to all be rare and unique in their own way and start to wonder “Who could've caught all of this?”

The Floof said “I will not proceed forward now , Just go to the end of the hallway and knock on the door , the captain will greet you now ...”

He makes his way towards the door while looking at the fishes around him

He arrived in front of the door , “ welp here go . “

Knock knock !

“COME IN!!!”

Dober opens the door

In the middle of the room sits a floof with a hat in the middle , taking small sips of coffee.

The best songs from 2026

WE'RE OVER HALF WAY TROUGH - WHAT ARE THE BEST SONGS SO FAR ACCORDING TO ELSIE DOLAN?

To start off at number 5 we have so easy (to fall in love) by Oliva Dean. This song was released on September 26, 2025. Next we have stateside by PINKPANTHERESS and Zara Larsson which was released on the 10th of October 2025. At number 3 we have American girls by Harry styles which was released on March 6th 2026 . At number 2 we have ILOVEITILOVEITILOVEIT by BELLA KAY which was released on 11th January 2026. Finally at number 1 "RAIN ME IN" by Sam Fender and Olivia Dean. Which was released on June 20, 2025.

New songs

Recently there have been a lot of new songs. On April 9 Katseye released Pinky Up a day before they performed at Coachella. On April 17th Olivia Rodrigo realised her first single for her new album "You seem pretty for a girl in love" called "Drop Dread"

On April 30th Sabrina Carpenter and Madonna released a song called "Bring your love" . On April 10th Lady Gaga wrote a song for the new Devil Wears Prada 2 called " RUNWAY" . Finally on April 17th Zara Larson did a collaboration with Tyla called "She did it again".



Zelda News

by Herman Jocelyn, Stav Ben Zvi, Matylda Pajak



The Zelda Movie

by Matylda Pajak

For all the over obsessed Zelda fans you have probably heard about the Zelda movie which is still in the making, but the details have still not been specified fully and we have not been informed of what this movie will be about so if this interest you i strongly advise you read on because this piece of writing is going to include some crucial information and theories about what the movie could include.

The Zelda movie was first announced on November 7 2023 and had the fandom screaming in delight for the first ever Zelda was to come out. And it was even better when they had announced that the zelda film shall be live action.

Afterward Nintendo had started the planning in 2025 with the help of Arad production (which is led by Ari Arad producer of the Spider-man franchise)and then right after they had started the filming process with the help of Sony Pictures who will handle the theatrical distribution. Adding to that, the filming process is taking place in New Zealand. Furthermore the lead acts had been announced not long before with Bo Bragason playing the lead role in Zelda and Benjamin Evan Ainsworth playing Link.

The new Zelda movie is still being made so unfortunately it will still be a while till we will be able to see the film although Nintendo have announced the date that the movie should come out on Nintendo have previously claimed to have the movie out on the 26 of march 2027 but have slowly moving the date further and further away. So now they claim that the Zelda movie should be coming out on the 7 of may 2027 yet it is hard to believe this date will be official.

We haven been told too much about what this Zelda movie will be about or what it will be based on so there isn't much to discuss but there are a few things that Nintendo have announced like the Zelda movie will be based on the wild era like tears of the kingdom , breath of the wild and their sequels. The movie will also involve many subjects from other games like the Super Mario movie was influenced by multiple games. The Zelda movie will include various items such as the master sword which is a big deal in the Zelda series that had been included in most of the Zelda timeline. The game will also be featuring some classic locations that can be found within multiple games.

Will Link talk in the Zelda movie?

As we all know, Link is a hero who doesn't talk. He goes about saving Hyrule, saving people without saying a word aloud. Although when you play as Link and are interacting with a character you have the choice to choose your response link never actually says anything aloud. This made people realise that the movie might have Link talking ,this made some people very unhappy because they want Link to stay the silent hero he already is but the other Zelda fans are excited to hear Link talk and want to finally know what he sounds like. Therefore the fandom are having a 50/50 debate on whether Link will speak and have a voice or if he will stay a silent hero who can only speak when necessary.

Is the movie going to include Ganon's backstory?

Ganon as we know is the main villain in the Zelda timeline usually being the main source of problem. The story usually involves Ganon wanting all the parts of the triforce, a sacred item made by the god which means Ganon goes out of his way in order to receive the powers of the triforce with the easiest way to get the triforce is to kidnap zelda who is a reincarnation of the god who protects the triforce from evil. Therefore there is a high chance that the movie will cover the back story of Ganon. This is the story of how he breaks into the scared realm and steals the triforce that turns the world into any world depending on the person's heart and desires. Since Ganon is an evil being that only brings war and trouble to the story line the world would turn into a dark gloomy world with monsters roaming around and all the races of Hyrule living in constant fear. Although this is the most common way of thinking when it comes to the triforce there are actually multiple ways the triforce can work for example it may grant any wish or it may split if the being that touches it does not have a balance of courage ,wisdom, power.This would make an interesting bonus to the story.

The producers of Zelda sure have a lot of ideas and choices to pick from to have in the Zelda movie and it would be wonderful to be able to see some of these in the actual movie yet it is not verified that any of these theories will be in the actual film I would most definitely not doubt that at least one of the theories the fandom have come up with will be included, yet the idea of Link and Zelda falling in love is pretty crazy if you ask me or perhaps getting the chance to see Impa included could be incredible these sure are pretty big requests isn't it would you want to be able to see any of these propositions in the Zelda movie.



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Unfortunately the Zelda directors have not been able to supply us with much information this might be because they don't want to spoil it to the fandom or perhaps they weren't able to figure out what would be best to tell so this lead it up to the fandom to try find out what the movie will or will not include. There have been so many theories that this paragraph could go on forever first one being:

Will the movie include Link and Zelda falling in love?

Link and Zelda have been shipped together by a large number of people like the fandom, people who enjoy the game and perhaps even some of the creators so seeing Link and Zelda fall in love would have a massive impact on what people will think of the game. This is a matter that the fandom have discussed for a very long time now so finally seeing the two main characters that the story is based on fall in love would send mixed signals because many people happen to be a big fan of this concept but others are not quite as fond of this dynamic. Either way this would bring a lot of debate among the Zelda fans.

Will the movie be a remake of Ocarina of Time or Skyward sword?

Ocarina of time and skyward sword have some of the most memorable and classic lore in the entire Zelda series and they are truly great games but do we want to see another recreation many people have started to believe that the zelda movie will a remake of the legend of zelda skyward sword or the legend of zelda ocarina of time while others believe that the film will have many different aspects from multiple games for example we already know that this game will share features from many different zelda games because we already saw that in the pictures the tunic that link wore was originally from twilight princess

Is Impa going to be in the Zelda movie?

Zelda fans have gone crazy over some leaked footage on the Zelda movie displaying a figure standing alongside Zelda bringing the Zelda fans to believe that this is Impa who stands protecting Zelda. This would make a great addition to the movie because Impa is a significant figure in the Zelda story who had been Zelda's body guard and a fine member of the Shiekah clan (a clan of mysterious technology advanced tribe working together to protect the royal family's members) and i believe this would make a great addition to the Zelda movie. Impa had been included in multiple games like ocarina of time and pretty much in all of the wild era as a young woman and an old lady guiding link on his adventures in ²⁰⁰¹ had also been included in Skyward sword as the servant of the god.

Zelda YouTubers And Streamers

With The fandom Zelda receives you could guarantee there would be some content creators supporting it. From the lore of Zeltik, The challenges of Pointcrow, The play throughs of Mr A Game, The Goofyness of Terminal Montage and the questions Of Soapy. We will be covering the content that formed part of the Zelda society.

MR A GAME

MR A-GAME is a family friendly youtuber and streamer. He makes a lot of Zelda content but also shows Mario and Splatoon. MR A-GAME does lets plays and challenges like permadeath and crossing the map holding various objects. He also did the original crossing the map in a straight line. His most popular video is “A-GAME 1000: The best of MR A-GAME” this video was celebrating 1000 videos on the channel and it tied together his highlights.

Terminal Montage

Terminal Montage began his Something about Zelda series in June 2019 with the release of Something about The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild. It instantly blew up so he made more. The series is comedic with new and classic jokes. His most popular video is Something about Breath of the wild which is about the story of breath of the wild speedrun and what happens in the game.

Zeltik

Zeltik is a lore youtuber. He started on January 28 2015. He is one of the most popular content creator of the Legend of Zelda franchise. He is known for his detailed, high-quality, well researched lore videos. His most popular video is 100 Lore and story secrets of Breath of the Wild.

Pointcrow

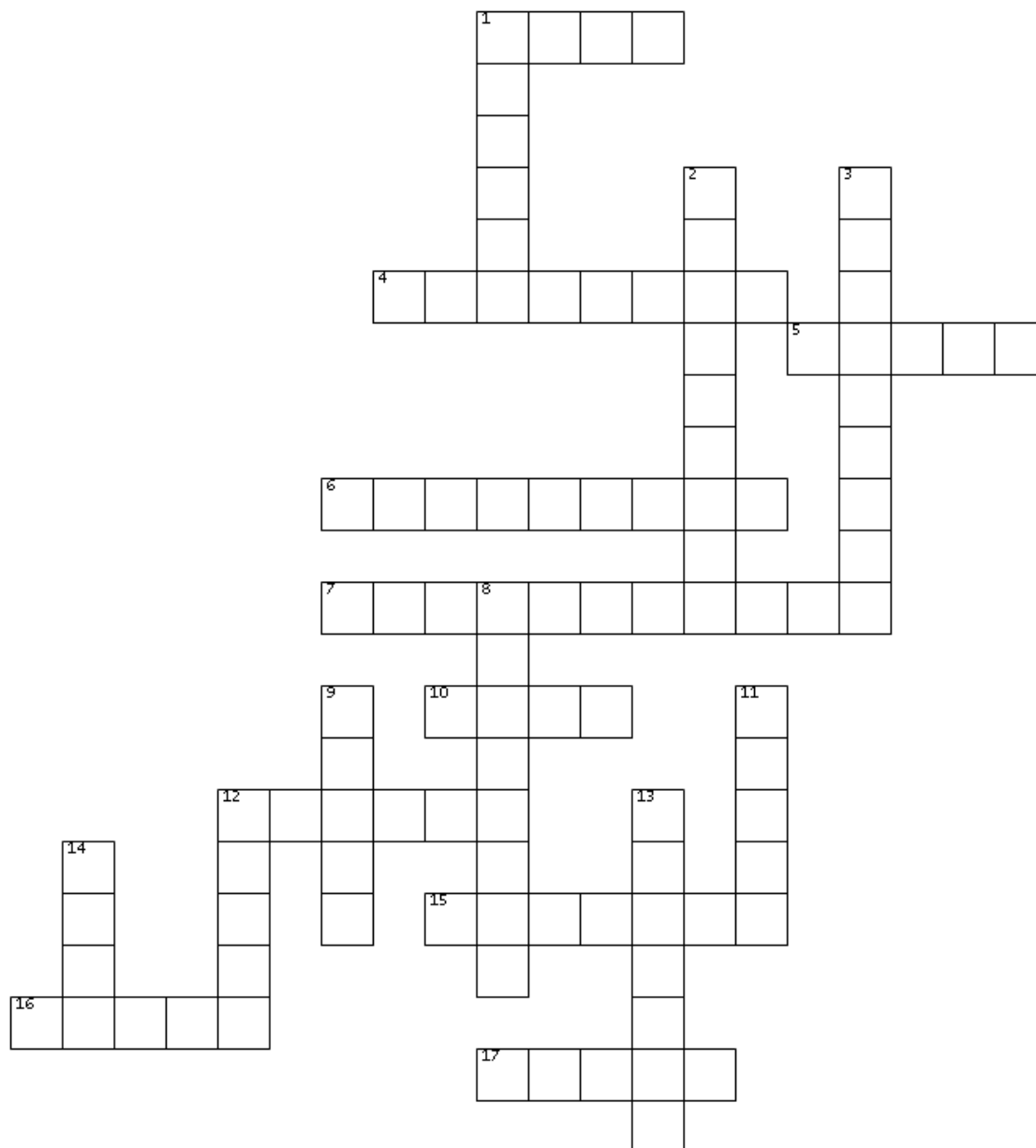
One of the most popular streamers is the Zelda franchise. Pointcrow is known for his zelda challenges and speedruns. His chat makes videos extremely funny. He started his career in winter 2019 and he became popular in spring and summer of 2020 (Covid). His most popular video is breath of the wild speedrun.



zelda wordsearch

G	A	N	O	N	P	K	O	R	O	K	T	M	W
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ZELTIK
 CANON
 MIDNA
 BOKOBLIN
 MASTERSWORD
 ZELDA
 SKY ISLAND
 SHIEKAH
 POINTCROW
 GERUDO
 ZANT
 LINK
 ZONAI
 KING RHOAM
 DEPTHS
 IMPA
 GORON
 RITO
 ZORA
 TWILIGHT
 KOROK



ACROSS

1. A race that lives around water
4. A monster that you will find around the map in almost all the zelda games
5. The princess of twilight
6. The main villain in the Zelda timeline
7. The sword used by the hero of hyrule
10. The brave hero of hyrule
12. A race that lives in the desert
15. An instrument used in ocarina of time
16. A race that lives on death mountain
17. A tribe of an ancient magical race

DOWN

1. A youtuber who makes videos on zelda lore
2. A youtuber who makes videos of how he beats impossible challenges
3. Land that is found in the sky
8. An ancient artifact made by the gods
9. Strange creatures that are found around the map
11. The princess of hyrule
12. The main villain in zelda
13. A ninja like tribe
14. A race who are able to fly

Use the clues to fill in the words above.
Words can go across or down.
Letters are shared when the words intersect.

IPL 2026

By Hridhay Ram



What is the IPL?

The IPL is cricket's most popular T20 tournament (20 overs an over is 6 balls), featured in India the IPL stands for Indian Premier League. It features 10 teams that go head to head for 74 games. 1 win is worth 2 points and no result (if the game is rained off) is worth 1. The top 4 teams will progress to the qualifiers and the top 2 of those to the final.

The Teams and some of their star players this season are;

Chennai Super Kings - (Superstar players MS Dhoni (WK), Ruturaj Gaikwad ©)
Mumbai Indians - (Superstar player Hardik Pandaya ©, Rohit Sharma)
Royal Challengers Bengaluru - (Superstar players Virat Kohli, Rajat Patidar ©)
Punjab Kings - (Superstar players Shreyas Iyer ©, Yuzvendra Chahal)
Kolkata Knight Riders - (Superstar players Ajinka Rahane ©, Cameron Green)
Sunrisers Hyderabad - (Superstar players Abishek Sharma, Pat Cummins ©)
Gujarat Titans - (Sai Sudharsan, Shubman Gill ©)
Lucknow Super Giants - (Rishabh Pant ©, Mitchell Marsh)
Delhi Capitals - (Axar Patel ©, KL Rahul)
Rajasthan Royals - (Ravindra Jadeja, Riyan Parag ©)



This year's IPL so far has been absolute cricket entertainment at its very best, the points table has been very far from what most fans would have expected with Rajasthan Royals topping the table with their 4 win streak from the start being broken by Sunrisers Hyderabad looking for some momentum to get farther up the points table. The top 4 teams after the scheduled 74 matches will qualify for the playoffs and many of the great IPL teams aren't at the top 4 positions as of today. However, it's still early doors and many teams after a slow start are gaining points getting themselves up the table.

For example the Chennai Super Kings (the most successful IPL franchise) sat at number 8 of 10 teams having just found momentum after 3 losses on the trot and now having won 2 out of 2 of their last games, fans were hoping they had found their best quality again. Many people are arguing that their slow start is due to the absence of their talisman MS Dhoni, who is currently undergoing rehab for a calf strain. The 5 time winning captain is hopefully going to return before the end of April.

We are now at the half way stage of the season where Punjab Kings still sit at number 1 with their unbeaten tournament just having come to an end against Rajasthan Royals winning by 6 wickets. While the Chennai Super Kings campaign is back on track with some wins including a massive win against Mumbai Indians their bitter rival by 103 runs, mean they currently sit at number 6. While the Delhi Capitals just faced a humiliating defeat against defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru losing by 9 wickets after being bowled out for 75. While history was made a few days ago with the highest successful chase in IPL history being done by Punjab Kings chasing 264 against Delhi Capitals and in the same match with the highest individual score by an Indian in IPL history. KL Rahul scored 152 not out off just 67 balls and now has the 3rd highest individual score in IPL history.

Lucknow Super Giants, Mumbai Indians and Delhi Capitals season seems to have come to an end with an almost impossible chance of getting to the playoffs. While Chennai Super Kings, and Rajasthan Royals are in firm competition for the top 4. While MS Dhoni still not making an appearance so far fans are still hopeful for a late appearance this year. The Chennai Super Kings last match was a success with 3 on the trot wins for Ruturaj Gaikwad's CSK. Urvil Patel's 65 of 23 balls and Jamie Overton's 3 for 36 the highlights with Urvil's 50 of 13 balls the joint fastest ever in IPL.

The playoff race is getting intense with only one spot left Royal Challengers Bengaluru, Gujarat Titans and Sunrisers Hyderabad have already qualified for the playoffs Chennai Super Kings, Delhi Capitals, Kolkata Knight Riders, Punjab Kings and Rajasthan Royals all in contention for the fourth spot. This year's IPL is getting more unpredictable and no team is certain of who might play the final on May 31st.



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