To Kill a Mockingbird

Film v. Novel

1. How do Scout and Jem find out about the cement in the tree in the novel?

How do they find out about the cement in the tree in the movie?

1. Describe Aunt Alexandra and Uncle Jack’s role in the novel.

Describe Aunt Alexandra and Uncle Jack’s role in the movie.

1. What happens to Miss Maudie’s house in the novel?

What happens to Miss Maudie’s house in the movie?

1. Describe Miss Caroline’s role in the novel.

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1. Discuss the children’s visit to Calpurnia’s church in the novel.

Do you think this is an important scene? Why?

Do you think the producers were right to leave this scene out? Does it change anything? How?

1. Who is Dill’s aunt in the novel?

Who is Dill’s aunt in the movie?

1. The title of the novel and film are based on the line, “You can kill all the blue jays you want, if you can hit ‘em. But remember, it is a sin to kill a mockingbird.”

Where is the line spoken in the novel?

Where is this line spoken in the movie?

1. Compare the scene with the mob in the novel to the same scene in the movie. (Chapter 15)
2. Are there any other scenes from the novel that have been left out of the movie? Describe one scene that has been left out. Why do you think it was left out? Do you think this was a good decision on the producer’s part?
3. Harper Lee thought that the movie was a huge success. Though it did not follow the novel exactly, she referred to it as an art of its own. Discuss your response to the movie.