

Some of the greatest movie adaptations are those based on adventure stories – fast-paced novels packed full of exciting events.

Few adventure stories are quite as thrilling as the magical exploits of the young wizards featured in J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* novels. To date, over 450 million *Harry Potter* books have been sold.

Eight films were made of the series' seven books. They were wildly successful, earning the filmmakers an astonishing £5 billion in ticket sales!

The Harry Potter films made stars of its three lead actors Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe and Emma Watson (pictured below).



Film still from the movie The Maze Runner.

Author James Dashner loves films. He says that before he wrote *The Maze Runner* in 2009, he imagined the story as an action-packed movie.

Children and young adults who've read the book often say that it is as quick, eventful and exciting as a brilliant film. It was therefore not much of a surprise when it was turned into a movie in 2014.

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2012's *Life of Pi*, based on the novel of the same name by Yann Martel, made an astonishing £401 million in cinema ticket sales.