

# One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest Review - Does the Movie Capture Our Favorite Scenes in the Book?



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While retaining many of the novel's themes and motifs, the filmed version of One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest is a compelling version of Kesey's brilliant story. Released in 1975, Jack Nicholson plays the part as Randle McMurphy, a so-called psychotic, who thought being a patient in a mental hospital would be better than working on a work farm. However, upon his arrival he soon finds that this isn't so true.

If you've read the book before seeing the movie, chances are you might be a little upset. When director, Miloš Forman, chose to put the novel to life, he chose to cut some of the important and small details that only someone would know if you've read the book. But what

book and movie are perfectly accurate at representing one another? It's important to know before hand to not compare a book and a movie. By comparing both you're being biased and not opening your eyes to the true beauty of each piece of work as its own.

Looking at the film itself, director Forman chose the best representation of Kesey's novel, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. Forman chose the best possible actors to play each and every character. Jack Nicholson, more specifically, plays a great crazy and psychotic Randle McMurphy. Nicholson's character definitely showed the audience the true side of McMurphy and who he is. However, not only does Nicholson act the part but he dresses it as well. When McMurphy walks into the ward, Nicholson is wearing a pair of jeans, a leather coat, and a beanie—the true and unforgettable image of Randle McMurphy.

Not only did director Forman choose the best actors, but he shows the real reality of the mental institution and the relationships within the hospital. Through Forman's interesting camera angles and movements, he captures the real image and affairs in the hospital ward. You can't forget the shot when McMurphy first arrives on the ward and begins to talk to Chief, played by Will Sampson. This shot is just amazing and memorable because it is the start of their friendly relationship. However, if you do compare it to the book you may be upset to find that their relationship isn't as special and developed. Although Forman is able to add in the special moments between McMurphy and Chief, he isn't able to show the true bond between them.

Overall, the filmed version of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* is the best short version and straightforward representation of the book. It isn't fair when you compare the book to the movie just because if director Forman chose every detail to add in the movie, the movie would have been too long. So, as an audience we need to respect what director Forman has put into this beautiful and remarkable film.