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Films & Books Vocabulary

Sequel /'si:kwəl/ (N) - Part two or a continuation of a book/movie.

Example: Film sequels are usually made because the original was very successful.

Premiere /'premiə/ (N) - The first public performance of a film.

Example: The main actors and film makers always attend a film's premiere.

Spoiler /'spɔ:ɪlə/ (N) - Information that tells what will happen in a film/book and spoil your enjoyment if you haven't seen it yet.

Example: The article has spoilers so if you don't want to know the ending, stop reading now.

Dramatic /drə'mætɪk/ (Adj) - A story that is exciting or full of action.

Example: There was a really dramatic ending to the book, but I don't want to spoil it for you.

Tedious /'ti:diəs/ (Adj) - Something that is not interesting and boring.

Example: The plot of the film was tedious, it was really slow and I knew what was going to happen.

Paperback /'peɪpəbæk/ (N) - A book with a paper cover.

Example: The paperback version is usually cheaper than the hardback.

First edition /fɜ:st ɪ'dɪʃən / (N) - The first printing of a book.

Example: Any first edition of a Dickens' novel is worth a lot of money.

Classic /'klæsɪk/ (Adj) - A high quality film/book by which others are judged.

Example: The Godfather is considered a classic film by most critics.

Soundtrack /'saʊndtræk/ (N) - Music that is used in a film.

Example: The soundtrack for the film sold millions of copies.

Genre /'(d)ʒɑ:ŋrə/ (N) - A style of book/film that has particular characteristics.

Example: Shakespeare greatest plays are in the comedy and tragedy genres.

Films & Books: Idioms

Blockbuster - A film that is very popular and makes a large profit.

Example: Recent superhero films have been international blockbusters, especially the final film in the series.



Box-office - The amount of money gained from a film through ticket sales.

Example: The film had record box-office returns for its opening weekend.

Popcorn movie - A film that is for entertainment and not complicated.

Example: Romantic comedies are my favorite popcorn movies. I always watch them on long-haul flights.



To be in the limelight - The focus of public attention.

Example: After he won the award for his film, he was very much in the limelight.

A turn up for the books - Something which is very surprising and usually pleasant.

Example: Getting a high score in my IELTS test was a turn up for the books. I didn't expect it.

