

10 Questions to Ask Before Adapting Your Novel into a Screenplay

This is an extra resource to go along with the original article:

[How to Turn Your Novel into a Screenplay](#)

1. Do you already have a fanbase for your current novel?
2. Do you want to gain more exposure for your library of books?
3. Is your book the right size for adapting? It can be a struggle to condense a longer book into one two-hour movie.
4. Are you willing to learn how to format your screenplay correctly?
5. Are you willing to invest money into a screenwriting software tool?
6. Does the story seem like it would make a good film? In other words, will audiences be able to follow the story visually or is it better told in text form?
7. Are you willing and able to kill your darlings (i.e. combine or delete characters)?
8. Are you willing to write a screenplay that may not be identical to your novel?
9. Have you studied at least 10 other screenplays and watched the accompanying movie to get a feel for how the scripted book played out on the screen?
10. Are you willing to re-read your script multiple times all the way through over the course of several months?