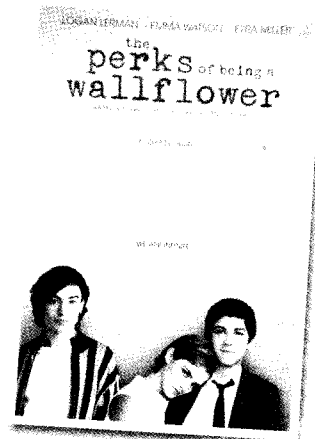
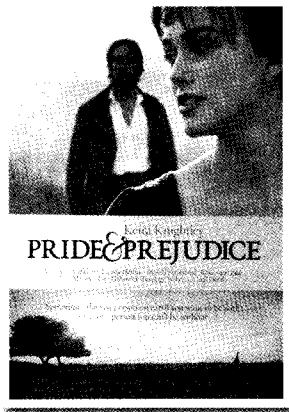


## A must-see film

- 1 How many films can you think of that were based on a book? Did you prefer the book or the film? Discuss in pairs.



- 2 Read the short reviews of a book and a film. Do you know the titles?



This film, directed by Danny Boyle, won eight Oscars and is both beautiful and shocking. Set in India, it is about the experiences of eighteen-year-old Jamal. Jamal, played by Dev Patel, is a believable character whose experiences will tug on your heartstrings. The film also examines the complicated relationship between Dev and his older brother, Salim. The film is fast-paced and colourful with a dazzling soundtrack. I definitely recommend it.

This best-selling novel by Vikas Swarup was the inspiration behind an Oscar-winning film. The story is about an orphan who appears on a quiz show in India and, to everyone's surprise, answers twelve questions correctly to win a big money prize. The author uses the twelve questions as an original way of telling the story of the orphan's life. The story is reasonably fast-moving, and the characters are memorable. It gives the reader insights into both the good and bad sides of Indian society.

- 3 Choose the correct definition for words in the reviews.

- orphan: a child with no parents / an only child
- be inspiration for the film: gave the director the idea for the film / was written after the film was released
- original: traditional / new and different
- memorable: worth remembering / hard to remember
- insight into: criticism of / understanding of
- tug on your heartstrings: make you have sympathy for / make you feel shocked
- complex: unhappy / complicated
- dazzling: unusual / stunning
- believable: a character who always believes what others say / you can believe this character exists