Nowadays, many movies or films are based on books. Some people prefer to read the original book before they watch the movie, others prefer to watch the movie before reading the book. Which one do you prefer?

In the past few decades, the number of movies that are released annually has risen significantly. And a good screenplay and an entertaining story are very important to the success of any movie. Since the release of the first book-based movies, movie-viewers ~~could~~ have not been able to reach an agreement on whether to read the book first or start reading it after watching the movie. From my vantage point, we should see the movie first. In the following paragraphs I will elaborate on my perspective.

The first and the most important reason is that we get familiar with the environment of the anecdote. When we see the movie first, we can get a vision of many ~~things~~ aspects/issues related to that timeline and area. The clothes, the buildings, the way people traveled and many more. Take Game of thrones for example. The events of this myth took place thousands of years ago and the way that people lived was so different from the way we live today. So watching the series before reading the actual books can give us a perspective on how they were dressed, their attitude toward women, different swords, cups, coins and etc. As you can see, viewing the movie first will give us a better understanding of the theme of the story.

The second reason that comes to mind is that watching the movies takes less time. When you first start to read a book or see a movie, you don't know exactly whether you'll like it or not and while reading 200 or 300 pages of a novel might take up to 2 even 3 weeks, watching the movie shouldn't take more than 2 hours or so. For instance, there are 7 Harry Potter books and the number of pages ranges between 400 and 500. While reading a Harry Potter book can be very time consuming, viewing the movie of the book takes nearly 2 hours and after that, the viewer can decide if he/she liked it and found it entertaining enough to go and read the actual book which gives a lot more details and takes longer to read. It is obvious that we can save our time by evaluating the movie before reading the book.

In sum, though some people might support reading the novel first, I personally think that by observing the movie initially, we can see if we like the idea or not and we can get a better understanding of the surroundings and the environment of the story which will eventually give us more pleasure while reading the book.