READING

Read the article about a film adaptation of a book.

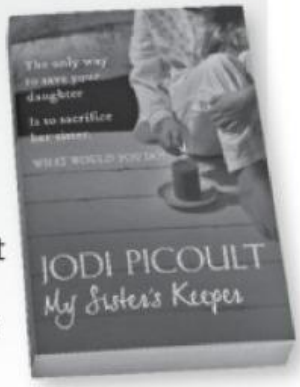
My Sister's Keeper

Fans of American author Jodi Picoult who have read her novel *My Sister's Keeper* get a big surprise when they see the film. This is because the film has a completely different ending from the book.

The novel tells the story of 13-year-old Anna Fitzgerald who was born to save the life of her older sister, Kate, who is very ill. Kate has cancer and Anna goes to hospital many times to give her sister blood and other things to keep Kate alive. However, when Anna is 13, she finds out that Kate needs one of her kidneys and she decides that she doesn't want to give it to her. Anna goes to find a lawyer to help her fight her case in court.

At the end of the book, Anna wins her case so that in the future she can make her own decisions about her body. Unfortunately, the same day as she wins the case, she is in her lawyer's car when they have a serious accident. Anna is brain-dead after the crash, and the lawyer gives the doctors permission to use Anna's kidney. So in the end, Anna dies and Kate lives.

At the end of the film, before they know the result of the court case, Kate and Anna's brother, Jesse, tells the family that Kate doesn't want to have any more operations. Kate dies and then Anna's lawyer visits the house to tell Anna she has won the case. So, in the film Kate dies and Anna lives.



A website asked the people who have read the book and seen the film to vote on the two different endings. 77% said that they hated the new ending while 13% said they preferred it to the ending in the book. Ten percent said that they enjoyed both the book and the film and that the ending made no difference to them.

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Read the article again and choose a, b, or c.

1 Jodi Picoult is…
- a a lawyer.
- b a writer.
- c a doctor.

2 Anna's parents had Anna because…
- a they wanted another child.
- b they wanted to save their daughter.
- c they wanted another girl.

3 …dies at the end of the book.
- a The healthy sister
- b The sister who was ill
- c The brother

4 … dies at the end of the film.
- a The healthy sister
- b The sister who was ill
- c The brother

5 … of the people who voted didn't think the ending was important.
- a 77%
- b 13%
- c 10%

Did fans prefer the ending in the book or the film?

- **in the book**

- **in the film**

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