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"Has anyone ever both read a book and seen the movie, but actually liked the movie better?"

Forrest Gump, by far.

That's about it. Catch-22, for instance, not even close.

Sean Penn made a very good movie of Jon Krakauer's book Into The Wild. It isn't the same story as the one Krakauer told. But I think I enjoy both the book and movie equally as much, factoring in the artistic liberties Penn took with it, which I think were legitimate in order to make it a more appealing film. I recommend both the movie and the book highly.

As for A River Runs Through It, I've read the book and seen the movie, and enjoyed them both. But Norman MacLean's book is a work of art, the way My Antonia by Willa Cather or All The King's Men by Robert Penn Warren is a work of art- a classic of American literature. The film is merely a very good movie. It doesn't come close, because even a great film can't compete with a great novel in terms of narrative detail. It's always a condensation.

imo, Forrest Gump the movie beat Forrest Gump the book because the book ain't all that hot. But it did happen to feature a plot gambit that worked superbly for the purpose of making a film. Uncomplicated, yet absorbing. And Tom Hanks actually improved on the character portrayed in the book. As did Robin Wright, as Jenny.

As a couple of other commenters have already mentioned, RRTI isn't really primarily about fly fishing.