

Using the Internet Movie Database to verify a Book-to-Movie title:

The **Internet Movie Database** (<http://imdb.com>) may be used to verify whether or not a movie or book title that a patron suggests was a book first and a movie second.

Searching this database is simple. At the left hand side of the screen is the "Search the Database for" function. You may type your query into the empty box below the box that says "All" **OR** use the Drop Down Arrow to narrow the search to "Titles," "People," "Characters," "Quotes," "Bios," or "Plot."

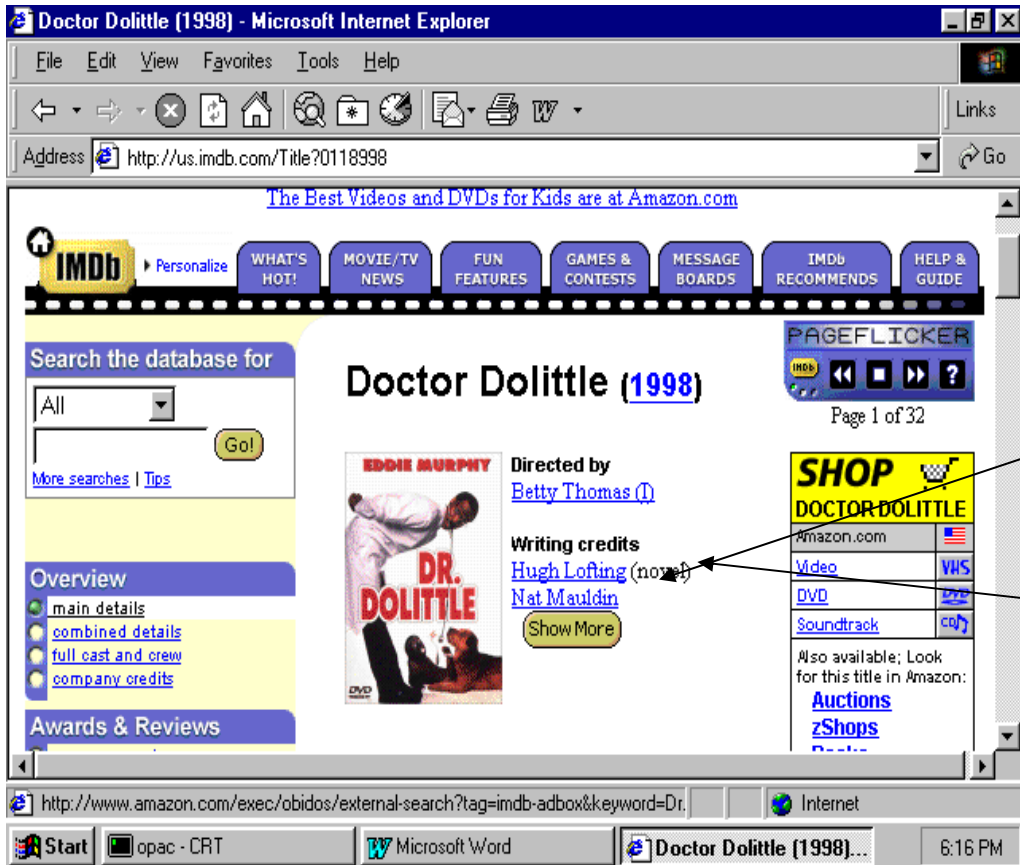
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We'll use the example of Doctor Dolittle by Hugh Lofting.

If searching by "Title," 2 titles come up under "Movies" and 1 under "TV Series." By clicking on any of the titles in the "Movies" list you will go to that version of the film's page where the complete (or as complete as IMDB provides for that film) credits. Under "Writing Credits," the author's name will be first and followed by "novel" in parenthesis.

Note: If the Writing credits list "story" or "play," they don't count for this high school assignment.



Final Note: If you are CERTAIN that a movie was based on a novel and the "Writing Credits" do not make mention of "novel," the box to the right hand side will have the word "Books" and will take you to Amazon.com where you may be able to find the novel version of the movie and verify if it was a novel first.