## **Screenwriting: Hero's Journey Summary**

The classic hero's journey is often summarised thus in countless fantasy novels (there is much more in this abbreviated version than meets the eye):

A boy, of uncertain paternity, living poor and precariously, learns that he has been chosen for a heroic quest, his role foretold in ancient prophecies.

As the kingdom approaches a crisis, the boy is sent to look for a powerful symbolic object (the grail, a ring etc) that will turn the tide against the forces of evil. Despite perils and betrayals, the hero prevails and comes into his rightful heritage.

This tale is perilous not just for the characters in it but also for those who read it.

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