

THE HERO'S JOURNEY



Heroines and heroes from every time period were taking more or less the same journey. It's a, it's a circular pattern. It's got three basic parts : separation, initiation and return. A good example of this is The Wizard of Oz :

Dorothy is living an average farmlife but deep down, she is wishing for something more, something over the rainbow. Getting her wish, a giant tornado comes and picks up her house and she is deposited in the land of Oz. The good witch of the North comes to greet her with what's known as a call to adventure. She says 'ok, Dorothy if you want to make it home, follow this yellow brick road and go find the wizard of Oz and so Dorothy goes on the classic quintessential journey. She meets helpers that aid her on her journey. She gets some magic slippers. She struggles and almost dies many times but finally they find the wizard only to discover he is a fraud but it doesn't matter because the trials of the journey have initiated her from farm girl to hero girl. She realises that what she was looking for, she had inside her the whole time. So she only has to click her heels together to return home : separation, initiation, return.

Err...so that's the basic and that's great and you can go see this pattern development in any movie you would watch.

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