

# The Great Gilly Hopkins Movie & her Letters

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On this Sunday afternoon, I'm delighted to share a movie available on Netflix on *The Great Gilly Hopkins* & of course her Letters in the movie. The 2015 film adaptation is based on the children's novel by Katherine Paterson first published in 1978.

One of my first daily blog posts here, [Cherished Letters](#), from over two years ago included sharing about *The Letter Writer* movie from 2011. It is wonderful and one if you haven't seen hope you will make the time for viewing.

This past week I would try to view *The Great Gilly Hopkins* movie on Netflix and for some reason, the streaming would hang after the first-minute opening scene introducing us to her popping bubble gum. Earlier this afternoon the streaming was working and it was fun to watch the entire movie without any hiccups!

Through the course of the movie, we see the role and power of a postcard received, the impact of a letter sent by a 12-year-old and its repercussions, and not to have a spoiler, the joyous corresponding of pen pals.

The movie tells Gilly Hopkins story who has found herself shuffled among foster homes and how her life changes upon meeting Maime Trotter played by Kathy Bates. The ensemble cast includes Bates, Sophie Nélisse, Octavia Spencer, Glenn Close, Bill Cobbs, Julia Stiles, and Billy Magnussen.



You can click on this image of *The Great Gilly Hopkins* Official Trailer 1 by Movieclips Trailers.

In addition to the Trailer, there is also [An Inside Look](#) at the movie which is 9 minutes -I enjoyed watching this after seeing the movie.

Thank you for joining me today. A week from today will be the Milestone of my 900th daily blog post – one week to go! *Wishing you a joyful Sunday that hopefully includes writing a letter and dropping it into the mail!*



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