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### Really Grew on Me...



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To preface this review, I read all four *Twilight* books in one weekend (last weekend, actually) when I picked the first one up at the airport, and could not put it down. To say the least, I was captivated by *Twilight* (and I'm in my 20s...).

I was anxious to see the movie because, like so many other people, I felt really invested in Bella and Edward's story. Not only that, but I love the vampire premise - it just never gets old, especially when you put a new spin on it, as Meyer did in her books. I really didn't care if the movie deviated from the book. I heard a lot of serious *Twilight* teens complaining about "major things" missing when I left the theater, but I honestly didn't notice any major omissions.

The film was better than I expected (based on previews, I expected it to be extremely cheesy, low-budget, and awkwardly filmed). It definitely grew on me as it went on, especially Pattinson's performance. His introduction was really awkward, but as soon as he settled into his character, he was absolutely captivating. Stewart plays a great brooder, and she certainly did that here. I loved the scenes with her father; in my opinion, these were some of the gems of the movie.

The characters were very well-acted and well-cast, but I think a higher budget would have done wonders for this movie. The special effects were embarrassingly bad, and nearly ruined the movie.

Overall, I enjoyed *Twilight*. It makes for an interesting story, and I expect more from the sequels, because the potential is certainly there.

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### Disappointment doesn't quite cover how I feel



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The only thing I felt was right about this movie: the actors kind of resembled what the characters should have looked like.

The only performance I enjoyed was Charlie. I actually believed the words coming out of Charlie's mouth when he said them.

I expected more out of Kristen (Bella). I figured Rob (Edward) would ruin the movie, I came prepared for that. What I did not expect was Stewart's inability to complete a sentence. And Rob lived up to my extremely low expectations. He tried too hard. Every scene between him and Stewart is awkward. The book's charm was truly absent in this movie. Perhaps Meyer's talent and vision is something no one else can try to reproduce on screen.

Alice was mediocre. She's supposed to be more bubbly. And why is Victoria showing up at a high school prom? She's supposed to be planning her next attack of revenge, not watching Edward and Bella dance!

The rest of the vampires didn't get enough screen time for me to really judge them. Like I said, they looked the part. But so did the leading roles, until they opened their mouths.

It's a shame that the books that I have come to love were portrayed like this. I have waited for months, checking Meyer's website daily for any new clips, interviews...anything! And it came down to me and my not happy boyfriend shaking our heads sadly when we should have been in complete awe.

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