The following are reviews of the 2008 movie *Twilight* from [http://www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com). Discuss:

1. what number of stars you think the reviewer gave (out of 10)
   - Or at least decide between: positive, negative, neutral
2. the basis on which you make that judgment
3. difficulties a computer would have in making that judgment

0.1 **Could it have gone worse? I think not.**

This is one of those cases where the movie is better than the book, and though that sounds good, it’s not saying much. Even so, the movie is absolutely horrible. Moments that looked rather like the director didn’t even take the movie seriously himself—when Bella first sits next to Edward is one—and bad acting cannot make up for a bland, and as others have said, predictable story. If one were to have just seen the movie, I’m sure there were many plot holes as well, like WHY the black vampire was traveling with two such dangerous vampires in the first place, and if he did know why did he not join them. This movie isn’t worth the money I spent, much less going to the midnight showing—though I must admit when the movie started going backwards and upside down, it was pretty good. What? That wasn’t part of the movie? Just a technical error? Dang, then this movie has no entertainment value. Also, to the girl two rows down from me in the theater, this movie, nor its book counterweight, are not even close to being compared to *The Lord of The Rings.*

0.2 **This was laughably horrible**

First off, I have read all the books and loved them!! I knew going into it that it wasn’t going to win an Oscar but I really didn’t think it was going to be as bad as it was. From the Scene where Edward has to sit next to Bella in class I knew it was all going to go downhill. I actually laughed out loud in this film several times and at times where it wasn’t supposed to be funny. I’m still laughing at the facial expressions of Jasper. The acting was atrocious...the white make up was horrible...and what was up with all the extreme closeups?? Bad Bad Bad. The good parts of the movie was when no one was talking. There was absolutely no chemistry between Kristen and Robert. I did however not mind the changes that they made from the book. I felt like it was a good transition without ruining anything.

0.3 **Could have been more**

As a fan of the books, the magic that occurs between the two characters is what I found most alluring about the story. I thought the biggest let down of the film was that it lacked the build up of Edward and Bella’s relationship. Perhaps if more lines and scenes were taken from Stephenie Meyer’s book, the chemistry would have remained.

Edward and Bella do have a spark on screen, but the consuming lust for each other is not conveyed as well as the novel portrays it.

Unfortunately, some scenes with the Cullen family seemed over-acted and awkward.

I wanted to love the movie as much as many of the other fans, but for me, it fell a little short.
0.4  Umm.. hello film-makers? Yeah.. You kinda missed the whole point of the plot. Kthnxbye!

When i first heard about the movie i was waaaay excited. finally i would be able to see all the people (even the undead) who had successfully kept me up all night reading and re-reading the series. Some places i haven’t been disappointed, most i have. Honestly i would have never understood the movie if i hadn’t read the book, but i had and when i saw the movie i still felt sort of incomplete. First the cast- Rob made an excellent Edward, i doubted it before but now I’m in love. Rosalie (Reed), Esme(Reaser), Carlise(Facinelli), Jasper(Rathbone), Emmet(Lutz), Charlie(Burke), Mike(Welch) and Jessica(Kendrick) were PERFECT! It’s like they practically jumped out of the book. Jacob(Lautner) would have been perfect too.. except for that horrible wig.. Bella? Stewart is a wonderful actor but Bella is NOT supposed to be so scared all the time. The rest of the cast was alright.

... i liked the improvisation on many scenes but they missed out on many important parts to incorporate the Bella-Edward moments. AGAIN, Twilight is NOT only about the two of them.

James(Gigandet) was AMAZINGLY real. Loved him and Laurent too. But Victoria? No true twilight fan would ever be able to accept the Blonde(Victoria has flaming hair!), cute Lefevre as Victoria.

The movie is good and a person with basic Twilight knowledge might like it, but to the addicted it’s like an insult.

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Wow, the public really knows how to glamorize, eh? They told us, the viewers: it’s the movie of the century; you’ll never forget the magic of seeing Twilight on the big screen, etc, etc.

Well, thanks a lot, critics. You let us down yet again.

Sitting in that seat in the movie theater, I was more interested, honestly, in what was going on around me than what was happening on the screen. Granted, I took notice during high-action scenes (which, they weren’t many, by the way) and I paid attention when due. But overall, Twilight was so yawn-worthy, I walked out of that theatre thinking...

"Thank God I got in free.”

If you think it’s worth 2 hours of your life, go on and mosey to see it. Otherwise, stay in your home- it’s more exciting there than in that theatre.

0.6  Hang My Head in Shame - A Good Chick-Flick

A movie about vampires and werewolves usually will get two thumbs up from meunless the movie happens to be a chick-flickand then I would avoid it. I actually saw this thing and (this is where I hang my head) enjoyed it. I did not read the book so I cannot compare the cast selection to something like ‘I expected for ‘like so-and-so to play this part ‘like you know’ or say something like, ‘Like I wish they did this that way like - lol’, or ‘omg they left this out really likehahaha!!!’. For those of you in that boat, I felt the entire cast did a fine job reading their lines and that’s okay by me. One cast member I thought did a good job was the guy playing the girl’s dad (sorry girls/women I did not catch or remember any of the characters’ names so like you know - omg). The girl did a good job as well. I guess I can call her Girl-Vampire Wannabe and I will call her boyfriend, 'Boyfriend-of-Girl-Vampire Wannabe Smith’ (this way they have different last names and there won’t be any hint of shenaniganshahahahaomg). The guy playing the werewolf was good and I will dub him, 'Wannabe-Boyfriend-of-Girl-Vampire Wannabe Jones’ (again adding a new last name to avoid any shenanigans). The way Boyfriend-of-Girl-Vampire Wannabe Smith and Wannabe-Boyfriend-of-Girl-Vampire-Wannabe Jones interact is really well done and telegraphs of a future vampire/werewolf smack-down. And you know you absolutely know this girl you remember - Girl-Vampire Wannabe is eating this all up. Ms. Wannabe is just waiting for Mr. Smith and Mr. Jones to duke it out over hertypicalsheesh. This is a must see movie and highly recommended.