Movie Review by Robert

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 is an adaptation of the well-known Harry Potter series books by J. K. Rowling. This movie deals with the second part of the final book. As with the previous movies, the main roles of Harry, Ron and Hermione are played by Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson. David Yates who has been directing the movies since the fifth one (Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix) has returned for this movie and put his dark spin on it as well and of course the movie was brought to you by Warner Brothers.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 continues where the previous movie left off. Harry, Ron and Hermione are in the search of the remaining horcruxes which Voldemort has hidden around the magical world. The quest sends them on a journey that brings the three to Hogwarts where all is unraveled. Many questions which have been building up throughout the series are finally answered in this movie, and it ends in an epic conclusion to the prophecy "Neither can live while the other survives".

I cannot review this movie without a certain bias, as I have always been a fan of the books and much less the movies. The actors have however learnt much over the years and they do a great job at bringing their characters to life and I definitely have liked the darker side of Harry Potter that David Yates has brought out. The music by Alexandre Desplat is absolutely amazing and goes along with the quick action of the movie. The scenes with Snape really did tug at my emotions and reminded me of the profoundness and complexity of his character. The battle at Hogwarts was not only shown from the flashy (yet still great) magical duels, but also what the human toll and suffering it brought to many of the secondary characters. Despite all these superlatives I'm pouring out over the movie, I hate it. For one very simple reason: the final battle. Now I understand a movie adaptation of the book cannot transfer everything perfectly over into the plot and it was actually pretty easy to overlook many of the changes made to it at the beginning of the movie, but this was something different. I was already thinking to myself how this turned out to be a great movie and I was waiting with anticipation for the pure symbolism of the duel between Voldemort and Harry. Instead someone decided that it's too anti-climactic in the original form and stepping over logic, created a battle in true Hollywood fashion. It wasn't just bad, it was stupid. It angered me for over a week after seeing it. Maybe it's just me, but I believe true fans of the books will have a similar sentiment as I have. On the other hand, if you haven't read the books, go see it, it's great.

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