Subject: Firefly and Serenity
Posted by Wayne Parham on Fri, 07 Oct 2005 07:21:19 GMT
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The movie that's out right now called Serenity is based on a television series called Firefly. Somehow, I completely missed the television series. I don't know if it gets limited exposure or it's just the fact that I'm too busy to watch any prime-time television. But anyway, I missed it.Derk went to Serenity and said it was great. So I'm anxious to see it too. He bought the DVD for the Firefly television series and loaned it to me. So for the last couple of nights, I've watched an episode or two right before going to sleep.I really have enjoyed this series. The very first episode is confusing for a couple of minutes, because they jump right into action, showing a brief bit of history. Some of the characters are in a battle scene, and you realize after a little bit that they are rebels on a side that eventually fails, sort of like the Jedis in Star Wars.It's like a cross between the Millineum Falcon and Star Trek, with characters that live like they're in the wild west. It has really grown on me. If you liked the original Star Trek series, I think you'll probably like this one too. It has that kind of feel to me, a science fiction story that's different, unique enough to keep you interested but familiar enough to make you comfortable with the characters.

Subject: Re: Firefly and Serenity
Posted by lon on Sat, 08 Oct 2005 02:29:00 GMT
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Wayne, I've become a Browncoat as well. I have not watched tv for 10 years or so, the series was recommended to me and Imanaged to see it in the dvd collection. There's alsoa book about it which I read called "Finding Serenity"which fills in some of the things that the series is made of... like real Chinese curses and phrases. The book has a pronunciation key so you can speak the Chinese correctly. Other articles and essays come fromsome of the writers, actors and even one on the musicare contained in "Finding Serenity." I'll prob'ly wait til the dvd comes out or it hits the budgets. I have one trusted source for film reviews. That source is Susan Granger. She began writing for Usenetwhen the internet was new and is a professional New york Critic.Her internet pieces are brief, unlike some of the otherfilms buffs writing about movies. Susan said that Serenity was highon fan service but was not the caliber of the big franchises.This is too bad. I expected more from Joss Whedon. The book Finding Serenity gives the definition of Joss which isChinese for "luck". Whedon changed his name when he becamea Hollywood joe I guess. Even the IMDb has to be taken with a grain of salt seeing thatSerenity garnered 9 out of 10 stars (meaning "near perfect.") At first I didn't know what to make of Firefly. My first impression was that it was just another cutesy "conceptscience fiction" production with the sort of clever dialogall those Harvard grads that get hired by Hollywood are fondof. That still pretty much holds true. What I expected from the film may not have been portrayedsuch as what The Rievers are all about. And I took some offense at the prereleases going on for months in enclaves of fandom like the LA and New York tryouts for the movie to buildword of mouth on it. Trekkies and Browncoats share the desire for a betterfuture and better science fiction and I would add"more of it." I'm on my second time through watching Stargate SG1 dvds.Somehow I accept the campiness in SG1 and willingly suspenddisbelief. In Firefly there aren't enough big ideas tosuspend anything. Well

maybe one. But that's areply for another day.

Subject: Re: Firefly and Serenity
Posted by Manualblock on Sat, 08 Oct 2005 12:56:27 GMT
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Rievers was a term for nere-do-well travelers in the south back in the twenties who would travel around looking for odd jobs.And that came from a title given to groups of armed marauders in Scotland on the Border with England who would steal cattle and sometimes kill the townspeople.

Subject: Re: Firefly and Serenity
Posted by lon on Sat, 08 Oct 2005 17:07:23 GMT
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Here's a paraphrased quote from Firefly about the Rievers:If they catch you, they torture you, rape you, kill youskin and eat you... in that order, if you're lucky. Think of it as The Space Family Manson.

Subject: Re: Firefly and Serenity
Posted by Manualblock on Sat, 08 Oct 2005 17:08:35 GMT
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Is that the G rated version?

Subject: Re: Firefly and Serenity
Posted by lon on Sat, 08 Oct 2005 17:23:25 GMT
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Maybe there'll be a directors cut.

Subject: Re: Firefly and Serenity

Posted by Wayne Parham on Sat, 08 Oct 2005 22:23:03 GMT
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I loved the series. Made me wonder why it was cancelled. I hope the movie spurs new interest, and the series is brought back for another season. All the characters and plots were so interesting, but they barely had time to get started. There is so much further they could go.

Subject: Re: Firefly and Serenity
Posted by lon on Sun, 09 Oct 2005 03:08:08 GMT
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... 'made _me_ wonder' why it was on _Fox._It had that "_Friends_ In Outer Space" quality I can't reallydiagnose. But I watched it through a second time afterreading the book.

Subject: Re: Firefly and Serenity
Posted by brain_states on Sun, 09 Oct 2005 14:45:52 GMT
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I dig sci-fi, it makes me think something like on some starry night that there really could be something more out there... But seriously there are few things I like more, women, friends, caffiene, nicotine... And this is one of the best T.V. Sci-fi's Ive seen. It pulls some many cool elements together that you all have discussed but the asian/western feel is ultra cool and different. But it is one of the few seris I could watch over and over. Last night a beautiful woman and some friends enticed me to watch this until 3:30a.m when I had to be up for work at 6:30a.m so if that says anyting...

Subject: Limp Bizkit - Significant Other
Posted by Wayne Parham on Mon, 10 Oct 2005 03:56:11 GMT
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Song three. Nuff said? Limp Bizkit "Significant Other"More Bizkit:Chocolate Starfish and the Hot Dog Flavored WaterThree Dollar Bill

Subject: Re: Firefly and Serenity

Posted by Manualblock on Tue, 11 Oct 2005 21:50:11 GMT
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Man you have the life. So you had to be enticed by beautifull women to do what...whatch a movie? What is it; you have a fifty two incher? Plasma?

Subject: Re: Firefly and Serenity
Posted by brain_states on Wed, 12 Oct 2005 15:33:41 GMT
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yep, that's it...