Subject: Lord of the Rings
Posted by Wayne Parham on Sat, 22 May 2004 12:58:42 GMT
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I missed "The Return of the King" when it came out in theaters, so I'm waiting for it to be released on DVD. I understand it will be out in just a few days, on the 26th I think. So I'm planning to pick up a copy this week. Without giving a spoiler please, what did you guys think about the movie?

Subject: Re: Lord of the Rings
Posted by mollecon on Mon, 24 May 2004 23:09:13 GMT
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It comes out tomorrow, Wayne. Maybe I'm not the right person to ask, being an avid fan of the trilogy - I love it of course. The only problem the movie have is, that it in spite of over 3 hours (I've seen 193 minutes for the DVD) of playing time is a bit rushed here and there. That, and it takes a while to wrap up the ending - inevitable when you think of the novel.The story is still a good one, and there are lots of great special effects and a very good sound - goes without saying. I'm buying it tomorrow, and will then be looking forward to the EE version, which should come out in the middle/by the end of November.

Subject: Re: Lord of the Rings
Posted by Wayne Parham on Tue, 25 May 2004 07:01:23 GMT
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Thanks for the input. I had heard that from some of my other friends too, that the ending sort of went on and on. But I like stories like Lord of the Rings, so I expect I'll love "The Return of the King."What is the EE version?

Subject: Re: Lord of the Rings
Posted by mollecon on Tue, 25 May 2004 20:51:12 GMT
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'EE' is for 'Extended Edition'. It's the special long versions of the movies Peter Jackson (the director) have send out on DVD. Apart from quite a bit of extra footage (30-40 minutes extra on the two first EE's) there's also an improved surround sound (DTS 6.1) and 4 different tracks of commentaries (from director(s), actors and other involved) one can play with the the normal moviesound off. In the case of the two first movies, this have made it necessary to have the

movies on two DVD's, instead of the theatrical versions one. Plus, there's two DVD's with extra material in the EE-editions, too. It all adds up to about 25 hours of material to look at from the 4 DVD Extended Editions.The EE-version of "Return..." is believed to have about an hour extra on the movie itself (Probably making it necessary to have this on 3 DVD's). In many ways, these versions are for the enthusiasts - though many maintain that the more calm pace of the EE versions in many ways makes both the story and the characters work better. But the price is that they ARE very long. As far as I can estimate, when the last of the EE-editions comes out, the 3 EE's put together will last for more than 11 hours - one will be able to spend a whole day watching Lord of the Rings :-)

Subject: Re: Lord of the Rings
Posted by Wayne Parham on Tue, 25 May 2004 20:53:42 GMT
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Gotcha. Sounds cool!

Subject: Re: Best thing since Yul Brynner went for a swim!!!!!!!!
Posted by BillEpstein on Wed, 26 May 2004 03:52:11 GMT
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And Annie Lennox making like Enya on the title theme? Loved that!In the context of epics or costumers if you will this is right there with The Ten Commandments and Ben Hur. Howard Shore's soundtrack is absolutely brilliant and the woomp-woomps gave the Titanic a workout. Pity anyone who has to listen with Kharmas or Revels or Eidolons and not Pi's.Don't miss this, Wayne!

Subject: Re: Best thing since Yul Brynner went for a swim!!!!!!!!
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 26 May 2004 09:19:12 GMT
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I'll pick up a copy today. In a way, I'm glad I missed it in the theaters. Sometimes it's nice to see a really good movie first time at home. I like to go to the theater, get a couple of hot dogs and a box of popcorn. That makes it a little more of a social event - a date sort of thing - and costs about a zillion dollars too. Still, I like to go out to movies and I do that pretty often. But to really watch a movie, and to crank up the sound and get into it, it's fun to watch at home. So this will be great!

Subject: NEW COPIES FOR TWELVE BUCKS
Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 27 May 2004 13:48:03 GMT
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I got a copy of Lord of the Rings - Return of the King on DVD last night but I was too tired to watch it. Maybe this weekend.But check this out:I got a new copy of the Return of the King DVD at Blockbuster for just $12.00!Here's the deal: They sell selected new DVD movies for $12.00 if you bring in an old DVD to trade. Any DVD will do. They change their selections every week, but this week Return of the King is on the list. They tell me the list always includes new releases. Next week it will be different ones.Guess which movie I traded. No fair clicking on it and peeking before you guess first.

Subject: Re: Best thing since Yul Brynner went for a swim!!!!!!!!
Posted by mollecon on Tue, 01 Jun 2004 15:46:25 GMT
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My guess was "Sound of Music"! :-)) Wayne, are you gonna watch "Return of the King" without having seen the two previous ones first? Cos if you do, it'll be really confusing - it's bad enough as it is for people not familiar with the novel.

Subject: Re: Best thing since Yul Brynner went for a swim!!!!!!!!
Posted by Wayne Parham on Tue, 01 Jun 2004 17:38:32 GMT
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Oh, no, I've already seen the first two. I saw them in theaters and then later picked up a copy of each of them on DVD. I love the Lord of the Rings and stories like it. But I missed the initial release of "Return of the King" and haven't seen it yet. I'll be sure to watch it in a day or three.

Subject: Just saw it - Excellent!
Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 10 Jun 2004 06:29:58 GMT
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I just got finished watching "Return of the King" and I loved it! I'm too tired to write more detail about it like I sometimes like to, but I really did enjoy. Without spoiling it, I gotta say that using the dead army was cool. Now that I think about it, since it's based on the book from J.R.R Tolkien, I guess you can't really spoil it by saying what happens. Movies based on a book have the ultimate spoilers. Anyway, I loved it!

Subject: Re: Just saw it - Excellent!
Posted by lon on Thu, 10 Jun 2004 19:09:18 GMT
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Yes, I could not find fault with it on any level.It's a big accomplishement from somebody who made "Meet The Feebles."That should also be on your Australian list, I think. Not to everybody's taste though. There's been some headscratching about what the big summerscience fiction film will be. I guess it'd have to be the Captain America one with Gwyneth and Angelina. Another comicbook take if I'm not mistaken from seeing the trailers. When is this stuff going to "grow up"?Grownup here means for the Bladerunner audience who wanta mature approach to speculative fiction.

Subject: Re: Viggo, "the Sorrow of Moldavia"?
Posted by BillEpstein on Sun, 13 Jun 2004 20:32:57 GMT
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This just in....." in the hottest story to hit Tinseltown in decades, it was revealed by New Line that Viggo Mortenson was cast in the role of Aragorn when the original Viggo, errrr Aragorn, was unable to climb down from his perch in the second sub-basement of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. "I have it on good authority that the diminutive Mortenson (he should have been a Hobbit) was a last minute substitute and no one will reveal who the first pick was. But he was terrible, wasn't he?And is that Miranda Otto woman a classic British Babe, or what??????????

Subject: Re: Viggo, "the Sorrow of Moldavia"?
Posted by lon on Sun, 13 Jun 2004 23:01:06 GMT
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Bill, you gotta break down the code for this. ;-) I remember Viggo Mortensen from early in his career in a filmcalled "The Reflecting Skin." V. is no Robert Wagner asPrince Valiant I suppose. And he can't deliver the St. Crispin'sDay speech like Branaugh. As an actor I like Sean Bean better. I was prob'ly the only one in the theatre the day I sawthe first Tolkien film who remarked, "That's Viggo Mortensen," as in"What's he doing in this show?" Hugo Weaving was sort of spookytoo. I was glad Harold Perrineau made it into the Matrix shows.That surprised me as well.

Subject: Re: Viggo, "the Sorrow of Moldavia"? "The Scourge of Carpathia?
Posted by BillEpstein on Mon, 14 Jun 2004 00:53:20 GMT
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Janos holds the key, altho' in episode one Rick Moranis was the Key Master while Sigorney Weaver fiddled.....