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“The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey.” A movie that J.R.R. Tolkien fans eagerly anticipated in December 2012. Personally, before this past fall, I had never watched any movies from the Lord of the Rings trilogy, nor had I read any of the books.

Movies with a runtime over two hours can be a little much so I never really had any interest in them previously. Instead of watching the trilogy over an extended time period, watching them all within a two day span helped keep the memory fresh.

By the third movie, I was just ready for Frodo to throw that stupid ring into the fire and be done with it. With this being said, there were some parts that I did enjoy—like when he finally destroyed that blasted ring. So, it’s pretty obvious that I wasn’t a huge fan, but I gave in and decided to watch “The Hobbit” with him. Beforehand, I had heard mixed reviews. Some people were really stoked after seeing the movie, while others said that they were so bored and ready to walk out halfway through—one person even said that they fell asleep in the movie theater. All of these opinions made me somewhat apprehensive to watch since the others really were not preferable movies in my book.

Without knowing, “The Hobbit” grew on me. It kept my attention and had a great mix of action and humor. For some reason, the story line appealed to me more—it was really interesting to see Bilbo’s transformation during his journey with the dwarfs. Stories that focus on an ordinary person, or in this case, an ordinary Hobbit, doing extraordinary things is often a crowd pleaser. I also like the foreshadowing that was sprinkled throughout the movie and enjoyed explanations for things that happen in Lord of the Rings. In addition, the graphics were very visually-pleasing as well. Overall, I was quite pleased with the way that movie turned out and will be definitely be watching “The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug” in 2013.