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CHICAGO – Stephenie Meyer is one of the most famous authors in America, because of the phenomenon of her "Twilight" series of books, and their subsequent film versions. She embarks on a new chapter with "The Host," which was published in 2008, and has just been adapted



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to the screen. Meyer made a promotional appearance in Chicago recently with co-stars from "The Host," Max Irons and Jake Abel.

"The Host" is a bit of a departure for Meyer. Instead of the creatures of "Twilight," this story is more of a science fiction tale, with extraterrestrial beings coming to earth and taking over by infiltrating human inhabitants and using their bodies as hosts for their inner consciousness. The tables turn when a girl named Melanie fights her new persona, an alien named The Wanderer, and tries to convince the infiltrator (via thought conversations) to give her the body back. There is romance involved, as Melanie is also trying to reconnect with the lover she had before the conversion, and The Wanderer actually falls for another guy. Max Irons and Jake Abel portray those romancers in the film.

On March 11th, 2013, Stephenie Meyer, Irons and Abel appeared on behalf of the film at Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville, Illinois, signing books and greeting fans. Photographer Joe Arce took these Exclusive Photos for HollywoodChicago.com Click "Next" and "Previous" to scan through the slideshow or jump directly to individual photos with the captioned links below. All photos © Joe Arce of Starstruck Foto for HollywoodChicago.com.

**HOST1** [18]: Author Stephenie Meyer of 'The Host' Greets Fans at Anderson's Bookshop, Naperville.

HOST2 [17]: Max Irons portrays Jared in the film adaptation of 'The Host.'

HOST3 [19]: Jake Abel is Ian in the film version of 'The Host,' opening March 29th

**HOST4** [16]: Group shot of Jake Abel, Stephenie Meyer and Max Irons.

"The Host" opens everywhere on March 29th. Featuring Saorise Ronan, Rachel Roberts, William Hurt, Max Irons, Frances Fisher and Jake Abel. Screenplay adapted by Andrew Niccol, based on a novel by Stephenie Meyer. Directed by Andrew Niccol. Rated "PG-13." The novel is available at Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville, Illinois, or wherever books are sold.



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