

Blu-ray Review: 'Twilight' Wannabe 'The Host' Hits New YA Low

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CHICAGO – Perhaps it's something that every generation thinks but I really feel like the teens of this generation who get sucked into absolute nonsense like the truly horrendous "The Host," just released on Blu-ray and DVD, are being intellectually damaged. They deserve better than this nonsense, arguably the worst movie of the year. And I've seen "Movie 43."



The latest "Twilight" wannabe from the same author, Stephenie Meyer, tries to put a sci-fi spin on young, sullen, beautiful people in love but ends up making no sense and providing absolutely nothing with which to relate. Most of the film consists of poor Saoirse Ronan (so great in films like "Hanna" and "Atonement" but stuck in some bad films lately) actually having a conversation with the voice in her head. Ronan kinda plays two people, one of the last human freedom fighters against an "Invasion of the Body Snatchers"-esque alien invasion and the alien now in her body. And both get love stories! There's just no reason to care about anything that happens in "The Host," a film with dialogue that borders on parody and a plot in which almost nothing happens for two hours and yet it's treated with the melodramatic tone of Shakespeare. It's one of those movies so awful that it just makes you feel bad for the talented people involved. Only rent it if you want to feel pity for Diane Kruger and William Hurt.



The Host was released on Blu-ray and DVD on July 9, 2013 *Photo credit: Universal*

Synopsis:

From Stephenie Meyer, the creator of the worldwide phenomenon The Twilight Saga, comes this daring and romantic thriller based on The New York Times #1 bestselling novel. When an unseen enemy threatens mankind by taking over humans' bodies and erasing their minds, Melanie Stryder (Saoirse Ronan) risks everything to protect the people she cares about most, proving that love can conquer all in a dangerous new world. The Host is a passionate and powerful epic love story co-starring Diane Kruger, Jake Abel, Frances Fisher, Max Irons and William Hurt.

Special Features:

- o Deleted Scenes
- o Bringing The Host To Life
- o Feature Commentary with Author/Producer Stephenie Meyer, Screenwriter/Director Andrew Niccol and Producer Nick Wechsler

"The Host" stars Saoirse Ronan, Chandler Canterbury, Max Irons, Jake Abel, Diane Kruger, Frances Fisher, and William Hurt. It was released on Blu-ray and DVD on July 9, 2013.



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