

Film Review: 'Spider-Man: Homecoming' Spins a Web of Fun

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CHICAGO – Summer movies should be fun, and the superhero craze has Marvel Studios combining their adventures with a little joy. "Spider-Man: Homecoming" mostly contains that big high spirit, with Tom Holland portraying the title character with youthful zeal and energy.



Rating: **3.5/5.0**

What also makes the film different is that its set in high school, and it is a high school with the awkwardness of that atmosphere, albeit with diverse and good-looking students. The audience comes in shortly after the current Spider-Man had been introduced, in the previous Marvel Studios Avengers film "Captain America: Civil War." Spidey is a whooping cowboy type as performed by Holland, headstrong and curious on his own. He is challenged in this film by the "Vulture," a criminal whose basis in larceny is class warfare. That clash is framed by a good old fashioned high school romance, as Spidey's hormones are also tingling. There is almost too much happening, but director Jon Watts and his team of five screenwriters were able – for the most part – to keep everything on track.

Youthful Peter Parker (Tom Holland) is coming off his first Avengers mission as Spider-Man, and Tony Stark/Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.) is advising him to be patient in his role as a superhero. Stark leaves Parker the phone number of his wingman Happy Hogan (Jon Favreau) so he can report in, and takes the high schooler back to his Queens, New York, neighborhood and guardian Aunt May (Marisa Tomei).

But Parker's energy gets the best of him, and he continues to fight petty crime as the Friendly Neighborhood Spider-Man. Spidey stumbles across an ATM robbery that has unusual weapons, and it turns out to be a gang headed by the Vulture (Michael Keaton), a disgruntled construction boss who stole space alien minerals and created the ultra weapons. Parker and his high school wingman Ned (Jacob Batalon) start investigating, but the case is also complicated by Parker's crush on Liz (Laura Harrier). Overall it's best to "look out, here comes the Spider-Man."

"Spider-Man: Homecoming" opens everywhere on July 7th. Featuring Tom Holland, Michael Keaton, Robert Downey Jr., Marisa Tomei, Jon Favreau, Martin Starr, Laura Harrier, Jacob Batalon, Donald Glover and Gwyneth Paltrow. Screenplay by Jonathan Goldstein, John Francis Daley, Jon Watts, Christopher Ford, Chris McKenna and Erik Sommers. Directed by Jon Watts. Rated "PG-13"



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Only in New York: Tom Holland in 'Spider-Man: Homecoming'
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