

Eye On Entertainment

Book Review:

new moon

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If you got a chance to read my last article on the first book of the *Twilight* series by Stephenie Myers, this is just a follow up review on the second book entitled *New Moon*.

In the beginning of *New Moon*, we find the characters Edward and Bella in a happy place. They finally took the necessary steps to overcoming their obstacles and have become a couple. Bella is more comfortable with the Cullen family than ever before and forms a close bond with Edward's sister, Alice. Each Cullen sibling has a special power, Edward can hear people's thoughts and Alice has visions of events that are to take place, as long as the person does not change their course in life.

While Edward and Bella are both very much in love, Edward believes that because he and his family are vampires, even if they are considered the good kind, he is constantly putting Bella's life at risk.

Edward decides that it is Edward brutally-breaks off their relationship, telling her that he is leaving and that it will be as if he never existed.

Of course that is the obvious decision the brooding boyfriend would make to put his loved ones safety first, even if it makes both of them absolutely miserable for a good majority of the book.

Bella falls into a deep depression until she becomes closer friends with Jacob Black, her father Charlie's



Stephenie Meyer's second installment in the best selling *Twilight* series. (photo courtesy of Little Brown and Company)

best friend's son. Jacob pulls Bella through the worst of her days and she becomes very dependent on him for a sense of normalcy and sanity.

But Jacob is going through changes that Bella does not anticipate. She believes that he is pulling away from her and that she is going to be abandoned all over again. She soon realizes that is not the case. What are the changes that Jacob goes through? Why does it cause Edward's sister Alice to have a vision that throws Edward's life into turmoil? Why does it lead our characters to Italy, where the head of the vampire society who make and break the rules in the vampire world reside? Will the Cullen's ever return to Forks? Will Edward and Bella get back together or even live to see another day? Pick up your copy of *New Moon* and find out.

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Celebrity Gossip

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It seems like the bigger the celebrity you are, the more your name gets plastered all over the news. Drugs, sex and money are powerful downfalls in the Hollywood community.

Even though Lindsey Lohan has publicly acknowledged that she is dating DJ Samantha Ronson, there is one aspect of her life that remains a secret. Less than a year since Lohan left rehab, friends and family members are concerned that the 22-year-old actress may have fallen back into her old pattern. According to *Star Magazine*, Lohan's been drinking, doing cocaine and causing mayhem for months. Adding to the chaos, *Star Magazine* also states, Lohan never took recovery seriously and went as far as quitting *Alcoholic Anonymous*. Lohan denies the allegations.

Actor Heath Ledger's parents finally reached an agreement on their

son's million-dollar estate, nine months after his death. Matilda, Ledger's two-year-old daughter will inherit her father's 16.6 million-dollar fortune. According to *Star Magazine*, Heath's will was already in place before his death. It was signed in 2003, before the birth of his daughter.

Everyone's favorite nasty girl, Ms. Janet Jackson if you're nasty, was rushed to the hospital just before canceling her concert in Montreal. Jackson was hospitalized after she suddenly felt ill. She was later released a couple of hours later, but there's no word on what ailed her.

After being treated for second and third degree burns, following a plane crash in South Carolina, Adam Goldstein also known as DJ AM was released from Joseph Still Burn Center located in Georgia. Travis Barker, former drummer of Blink-182 was also injured in the crash.

from the vintage bin:

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Before their 2003 Capitol debut *So Long*, Astoria made The Ataris a household name with the singles *In This Diary* and their cover of *Boys of Summer* (originally done by Don Henley). They hit their high point with *End is Forever*. Many pop punk fans will tell you their masterpiece was 1999's *Blue Skies, Broken Hearts... Next 12 Exits* but I'd politely disagree.

End is Forever is possibly one of the most personal records out there. The Ataris front man Kris Roe pulls situations from his own life, such as in the song *How I Spent My Summer Vacation* about growing up in a broken home, or *Teenage Riot* which talks about The Ataris favorite memories from their "Pennsylvania World Tour" they had in 2000.

Kris Roe has always talked about how he likes to make his lyrics have a

The Ataris: End is Forever

depth that contains numerous hidden messages. He also claims that one of his biggest influences on writing is British author Nick Hornby. This is obvious in how many pop culture references occur throughout the CD; be it audio clips from the movies *Clerks* and *Good Will Hunting*, a song about the art of mix tape making, or just references to things like Nintendo (*Up Up Down Down Left Right Left Right A, B, A, B, Start*), Billy Idol (*Giving Up on Love*), and J.D. Salinger's *Catcher in the Rye* (*If You Really Want To Hear About It*).

If you want to check out an album that'll bring back high school memories, give you a peak into Kris Roe's family life, make you chuckle and make you feel young then I recommend going out and picking up a copy of The Ataris, *End is Forever*.

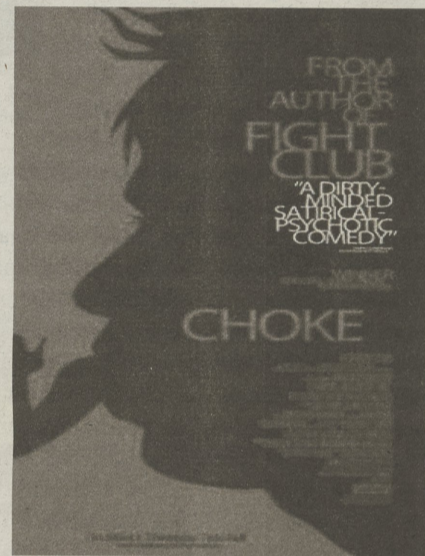
Movie Review: CHOKÉ

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Directed by Clark Gregg and adapted from the novel by acclaimed writer Chuck Palahniuk, *Choke* tells the story of Victor Mancini (Sam Rockwell), a sex addict working as a "historical interpreter", who has devised a scheme to pay for his ailing mother's (Angelica Huston) hospital bills. Victor travels to different restaurants and makes it seem as if he is choking which prompts the patrons to "save" him and in turn, feeling responsible for Victor's further well-being, send him money as a means of support.

Upon visiting his delusional mother in the mental hospital one day, she reveals to Victor (who she thinks is actually someone else due to Alzheimer's), that she had lied about the origins of Victor's birth. Intrigued by this revelation, Victor sets out to find the truth about his conception along with the help of his friend, Denny (Brad William Henke) and his mother's attractive physician, Paige Marshall (Kelly Macdonald).

The expectations for this movie were high due to the praise given to the only other Palahniuk novel turned movie to date, *Fight Club*. The movie delivers in the acting category with an outstanding performance from Sam Rockwell along with other key character portrayals. The humor



Palahniuk's second feature film, *Choke*. (photo courtesy of Fox Searchlight Productions)

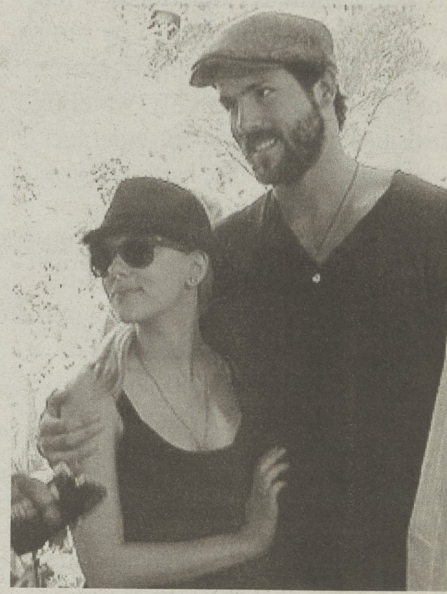
is dark and vulgar, incorporating scenes that could almost be considered depraved. But the way the movie channels these subjects into a more enlightening theme is what brings it together and makes it truly unique and hysterical.

The drawback of the movie is that its attempts at being heartwarming and more easily accessible to a larger audience are much too unambiguous in certain sections of the movie. Palahniuk is known for his deep, visceral themes and to misconstrue his vision takes some of the power away from the story. All in all, if you can stomach the perversion and overlook the positive message that the movie version seems to yearn for, then *Choke* will be effortless to swallow and promises to satisfy.

Barker will remain in Georgia for a couple more weeks. Four others were killed.

There's love in the air and this time it may last. Scarlett Johansson and Ryan Reynolds are officially off the market. The wedding of the talented actors took place at a resort just outside Vancouver, Reynolds hometown. It is the first marriage for both, though Reynolds was formerly engaged to singer Alanis Morissette.

Reality star Kim Kardashian spiced up the dance floor on "Dancing with the Stars." Even with her sexy wardrobe and seductive moves, her performance did not win over the judges. To everyone's surprise Kardashian and partner Mark Ballas scored 15 out of 30 points. Sadly her last performance on the show ended on the five year anniversary of her father's death.



Actress Scarlett Johansson and actor Ryan Reynolds married in Canada this past week. (photo courtesy of JLM / Splash News Online)