

Moms caught up in 'Twilight' saga, too

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Jill Etesse was hooked on the "Twilight" books the second she cracked the series opener. She ripped through the saga on paper and rented movie No. 1.

Then the madness began. "I joined the lines of teens for 'New Moon,'" said the 38-year-old mom of two. "My husband is deathly embarrassed. Half my friends think I'm crazy."

Etesse, from Leesburg, Va., won't let her 8-year-old daughter

anywhere near Team Edward OR Team Jacob, but did she take herself to "Eclipse" this summer? "Oh yeah."

Is there something, um, icky about moms lusting after the boys of "Twilight" or other morsels of ripe screen candy? Heck no, said 54-year-old Toni Downey of Limerick, Pa. We're not dead yet! Downey's more into Matt Bomer, 32, of TV's "White Collar" at the moment, but "I've had impure thoughts about barely legal boys as well."

Strictly the celebrity look-don't-

touch variety, she notes.

Eighteen-year-old Taylor Lautner's six-pack? "Mind-boggling," said Downey, who has a 25-year-old daughter. "She likes Buffy as her only vamp thing, and we both thought Pattinson was hotter as a blond in Harry Potter."

Into the light they've come, publicly declaring their sometimes puzzled joy, juggling movie schedules with diaper changes, kid lunches and soccer practices. They're definitely looking forward with younger fans to the last two "Twilight" movies starting next

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Robert Pattinson, star of the "Twilight" saga, is adored by teens and mothers alike.

year, and they're scooping up all sorts of reads intended for teens.

"I have no idea why it's so appealing to me," Etesse said of her "Twilight" jones.

"I'm married to a tall, dark and

handsome French-Irish guy, but those abs, you know. I'd trade a pair of my Jimmy C's for my husband to have those."

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