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Here's two comic-book movies that I haven't seen mentioned in the "suck/doesn't suck" debate:

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
Rocketeer

I think that they are both examples of great big screen comic-book adaptations.

Now, before anyone goes and bites my head off, hear me out.

TMNT (the first 1 only) did a great job of capturing a real comic-book look and feel. Great costumes and effects in a time when CGI was not the answer to everyone's special effects needs. Of course I hated that they had to include the cheesy details from the cartoon, but I'm a realist. I realize that movies need to make money and, to do that with this one, they needed to bring in the kiddie audience, so I could live with it. Besides I think they balanced the cheesy stuff with good stuff from the comics as well. And, I think the guy they got to play Casey Jones was dead-on.

Rocketeer was disappointing that it didn't do bigger box office because it might have spawned a sequel, but I think that Disney just didn't know how to market it. They thought it was just another big summer blockbuster. I think that the casting in this film was absolutely perfect! Who could ask for a better cast than Bill Campbell (a dead ringer), Jennifer Connelly (another dead ringer), and Timothy Dalton as an Erroll Flynn knock-off! And they did an awesome job on the rocket and uniform. It really looked like it could fly. Some other nice touches were the Nazi propaganda film, the meeting with Howard Hughes, the destroying of the 'Hollywoodland' sign, the Rocketeer's "heroic" stance in front of the American flag at the observatory (which is an exact replica of an image from one of the comics), and, of course, all the period piece sets. Hell, I love period piece movies and when you combine them with comic books, what's not to love?!?!?!?

Which is why I almost (note, almost) brought up the Phantom movie, another period piece comic movie that I thought was good fun, although I wouldn't dream of bringing it up for fear of the wrath it would incur.

Now, let the flames (and ridicule) begin...