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Well I thought it was the 'best' Superman movie I have ever seen [but then other than Superman 2...all the others SUCKED! especially Superman Returns!]. With that said I had a few pros and cons about the movie.

1. Casting

Pro: Henry Cavill was absolutely born to play Superman. Not that he was the best actor of any other version..but he actually looked like a man of steel. Both his facial features and physique were spot on. Russel Crowe made for a good Jor-El. Diane Lane [Ma Kent] & Micheal Shannon [General Zod] were adequate and played their parts well.

Con: Did not like the choice of Amy Adams as Lois Lane. While she did a very good acting job..she just didn't do it for me. Maybe I'm just being biased but anything other than a black haired Lois Lane just wont do [didn't like the brown hair in Superman Returns didn't like the Auburn hair in this one. Besides I found her rather plain looking. For a guy who probally could have any woman in the world he wants..I think he settled for less. Hated Costner's Pa Kent..too grim and foreboding to me [with a stepdad like that its a wonder Kal ever used his powers period]. And as much as I like Laurence Fishburn....a black Perry White?

Overall Grade...B

2. Story

Pro: I liked the new direction the story took. The civil war on Krypton. The murder [rather than death in the explosion] of Jor-El. Clark's lifestyle off the grid. Not to mention the omission of both Lex Luthor and Jimmy Olsen.

Con: Too many holes and loose ends. How did Zod and his crew escape from their prison casings and commandeer the ship? How did they know they had powers after being on Earth for only a few hours? Why was it that every kid from Smallville knew Clark pushed the bus out of the water but none of them could figure out he was Superman? Does the government know who he is? Why would Zod only dispatch 2 of his soldiers to fight Supes when he could have easily killed him by sending them all? The movie was long..but might not have seemed so long had they not had that hour long almost-put-you-to-sleep segment prior to when all the action really started and had way too many needless flashbacks.

Overall Grade...C

3. Special Effects

Pro: THE BEST FIGHT SCENES I'VE EVER SEEN. Nuff said! I thought the damage done in the Avengers was good...this was better. I actually got a good feel of what it would be like to be part of a battle between superior beings with destructive powers. The scene with the reporter buried under the rubble of the collapsed building was great!

Con: Probally the first Superman movie I saw where the flying just didn't look good. Don't know if it was the backgrounds or the way he moved as he flew. [probally looked better in 3D]

Overall Grade...A

So on a scale of 1 to 10 this movie was a solid 9 to me. Well worth the price of admission and a must for my DVD collection down the road.

