Skyfall Review

"Bond, James Bond" the famous quote from the most known secret agent in the world. Skyfall, the newest addition to the James Bond franchise staring Daniel Craig as James Bond. Some say it may be the best Bond movie yet. But I will analyze this movie in and out, from the good things to the bad. The movie starts off with a bang, a thrilling chase scene as 007 attempts to apprehend a criminal who has stolen valuable information from MI6 (Military Intelligence Section 6). With the help of Eve, James Bond's partner they run across town to stop the criminal. As the chase progresses they wreak havoc on Istanbul, Turkey destroying shops, cars, and buildings. The scene escalates when Bond and the criminal fights on top of a train and M, the leader of MI6 orders Eve to take a shot at the criminal even though it risks the life of Bond. She takes the shot; a moment of silence occurs "Agent Down" says Eve. Bond is hit and falls off the train over hundreds of feet into a river below. Then the dramatic song Skyfall by Adele begins to play. Just in these few short scenes the movie has already captured our attention. What is going to happen? Is Bond alive? Questions after questions, this movie has already caught our attention with its action packed introduction.

This movie is quite different from the previous ones. We finally see Bond hit rock bottom, mentally and physically. After the intro scene we see him elsewhere living his life so unhappily. Constantly consuming alcohol and all ruffled up. Throughout the movie we witness Bond rise from the bottom up. He tries to prove that even though he was discarded and left behind he is still the best. The movie shows this very well. Knowing Bond he is always smooth and classy. But this movie shows a different aspect of him, rough, beat, and rusty. Something you don't expect from Bond movies.

Daniel Craig opens our eyes to a different version of Bond. He made us believe that 007 is just like all of us, vulnerable with weaknesses and such. In the past movies he was always portrayed as this perfect, untouchable agent. It is nice to be able to relate to the protagonist in this film. It captures our attention throughout the movie because of his relatable features. Though his hardship is different from ours we can still use it as an analogy to our life. Just as we are stepped down to our lowest point, we can always rise back up and show the world that we are better than they thought. Besides Bond, the villain, Silva also plays his role very well. He acts very different from Bond, though they are both agents. They are best of the best. But you can totally see the differences in them. Silva plays his role so well, from appearances to acting. Silva is the perfect match-up for Bond because they come from the same background, have the same figure, and same skill set. He is evil, his intentions are evil. He kills without hesitation and he's a bit crazy. You learn to hate him throughout the movie, and that's what makes him such a great villain.

The film isn't just great because of the amazing actors. The story, scenery and action comes together so well. There is no one boring part in the film; every part of the film entertained you. The action scenes were splendid. A lot of violence, from fist fights to car chases, it had it all. A great action packed movie for anyone to see. The movie is also really easy to follow. All the scenes were put in chronological order, it wasn't confusing one bit. The story made perfect sense; all the conflict in the beginning that led up the climax was amazing. There were even a few surprises thrown in there also.

Though I thought this movie was incredible there were some room for improvement. One of the things that upset me the most was romance in this film. If you've ever seen any James Bond movie you know there is always a romantic relationship with 007 and a particular female. Severine played by Bérénice Lim Marlohe was the Bond girl in this movie. Don't get me wrong

she acted very well for her role but they could have emphasized on her character so much more. Her total show time in the movie was probably only 20 minutes top. There was barely any romantic relationship between them. 007 talked to her and tried to comfort her. They had their little love scene and after that it was pretty much over. But besides that, it seems like 007 didn't even care for her. There was a scene when the villain shot her, Bond didn't even twitch. It's like he never even knew her, strangers. After catching Silva he didn't even tend to Severine. The movie never bothered to mention what happened to her. Bond's emotions for her weren't even triggered. I feel like this movie could have put a bit more effort on the romance section. Being a Bond fan we always want a romantic relationship in these films. The romance in this movie definitely received a low score for me.

If you've been a diehard fan of the Bond franchise this movie could have been a disappointment for you also. They definitely left out some of the key things in a Bond movie. Watching Bond movies we can always expect some state of the art gadgets, but unfortunately not this time, the only gadgets Bond received was a pistol and a radio. Not very "state of the art" if I say so myself. To add to that he lost his pistol halfway through the movie and only used his radio once. James Bond was also known for his particular style in automobiles, though they did have a classy car towards the end it didn't bring 007 any justice. It wasn't used for any get-away attempts or chases; it simply sat there and was shot to death. The cool tools that we thought 007 would have was not delivered in this film.

All in all, I thought this movie was spectacular. The pros definitely outweighed the cons. This movie brought us a new fresh version of James Bond. Something we don't usually see from this franchise. It showed us that Bond will be Bond through any circumstances. It was such a great movie that it took me hours just to find the negatives about this film. The negatives of this

film were discovered through of the comparisons of the past Bond movies. Some people don't like change. This movie isn't like the traditional Bond movies, but it's a great movie regardless, the scenery of the movie was beautiful, the action scenes were thrilling and the stunts were flawless. A very well made action/thriller movie. If I had to say this movie was bad, it would be because of minor details such as the gadgets and what not. But I loved it and I would totally recommend it to anyone. It's a great film even if you've never seen any of the previous Bond movies before. It has all the characteristics of a great film, action packed, great story line, and amazing characters.