Subject: Re: Event Horizon

Posted by JohnDoe on Sun, 09 Jul 2006 21:41:48 GMT

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Nukelt15 wrote on Sun, 09 July 2006 18:02Quote:Shut up, the movie is a damn funny action sfi-fi flick and only geeks give a shit if it's true to the book.

You seem to be under the mistaken impression that I was talking to you. Ok, fine, you flamed me... now I am talking to you. Happy?

Heinlein was a damn good author, one of the best in his field. I wish I could have met the man; sadly he died while I was still in diapers. I've yet to read a single one of his books that doesn't contain some kind of social commentary woven into the story in such a way that it enriches and deepens the plot. Your precious movie took a very, very good book, twisted it, and spat it back out as an eye-candy extravaganza with shallow characters, a cliche script, and absolutely none of the depth that made Starship Troopers such a good read. So you think I'm a geek for pointing that out? Damn straight I am. I happen to like good books, and I happen to not like when Hollywood fucks them up.

A little dissimilarity is not a bad thing when translating something from print to screen; it is a different medium that requires that some different techniques be employed to fit the whole story in two hours' time. There is, however, a point beyond which it becomes offensive to me, both as a hopeless bookworm and as someone who intends to someday get his own work published. So yes, I do give a shit, and if that makes me a geek... fine, I'm a geek, and proud of it. Sorry to rant, but you've struck one of a very, very few things that I feel strongly about- mainly because I would never want to see any of my work screwed up in such a massive way, but also because Heinlein just happens to be one of my favorite authors (I get the same way about Frank Herbert's work). You have neither the influence nor the ability to make me shut up, so you can take your oh-so-enlightening commentary and shove it. And do please have a nice day.

Blablabla...learn to take the movie for what it is. I remember when I watched it on the big screen when it first came out and me and my friends couldn't help but laugh most of the time...the other people in the cinema got mad and really took the movie serious, whereas I've always seen it as a satire on those sci-fi/action flics and a pretty entertaining one at that.