



Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse directed by Bob Persichetti and Peter Ramsey

Reviewed by Zachary



Yes, it is a part of the spider verse series of movies. The sequel *Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse* came out in 2023. A third and final movie is currently being made, with a release date to be determined. Throughout this movie there are also many references to Spider-Man throughout the ages, which are not necessary for understanding but Spider-Man fans will find pleasure in noticing different Easter eggs.

Give a summary without spoilers!

Miles Morales is bitten by a radioactive spider, becoming his world's second spider-man. After Wilson Fisk builds and sets off a collider, many Spider-Men come over through rips in space and time. With the help of 5 additional Spider-Men, Miles and crew work together to take down Wilson Fisk from possibly destroying not only Miles' universe, but the other Spider-Men as well. At the same time, Miles struggles with being a teenager, especially balancing his relationship between his uncle and dad, or the expectations that follow him.

What drew you to this movie?

The absolutely gorgeous animation is one thing that noticeably stands out to me and many others. Mixing so many different and unique art styles and color pallets, to even small details such as the frame rate differing for different Spider-Men swinging. Being able to do so much is truly a sight to the eyes, and multiple scenes really make great use of the freedom of animation. But in addition, the story and characters are touching and memorable. Many characters are incredibly funny, but especially in the later moments the movie is not afraid of tugging at the heartstrings. I think the relationship between Miles and his father will really connect with many people who at one point or another might not have felt especially close to their dad's. Overall the movie is an entertainment feast, having fantastic action, yet still maintaining a grounded backdrop.

Did it remind you of something that you've previously watched or read?

Obviously the name Spider-Man calls to mind previous Spider-Man material, rather than be movies, games, or comic books, however the movie is still much more than that. The movie's animation style has become extremely popular recently, most notably in *Puss in Boots: The Last Wish*, and *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem*. As well, the coming of age story reminds me of *Back to the Future*, and stories of that nature.

To whom would you recommend this movie?

I would recommend the movie to anyone, however I can understand if the animation can put people off it. Many don't grasp that adult or mature stories can be told through the medium, and only believe that it's meant for children. While the movie is perfectly suitable and compelling enough for children, I think many can find enjoyment and admiration in the movie's look and story. As well, some non superhero fans might not think the movie is for them. While I may not be able to personally speak to the matter, as I have always been a superhero fan, I have heard from others in my life say that even though they aren't usually fans of the genre, they still really enjoy the movie. Really anyone that's looking for a good movie though can easily find enjoyment in Spider-Verse I believe.

Overall, did you like it and would you recommend it to others?

Into the Spider-Verse is not only one of my favorite movies, but overall just one of my favorite pieces of art. I have shown many of my friends and family the film and I have not found one who doesn't enjoy it. If the movie doesn't seem especially compelling to you I still highly recommend giving it a shot. As well, the way the last about half a decade has panned out, it certainly seems that Spider-Verse has major influence on the medium of animation, so I believe it's always interesting to see what starts off a movement such as this stylized 3D animation renaissance we're currently in.

Anything else that you would like to add to this review? What made you choose it? Did you like the cover? Was it recommended to you? Did you find it at the library?

I knew about spider-verse not long after it came out, mostly because I've been a huge fan of the Spider-Man medium since I was a little kid. The movie has also been recommended to me by people since it came out, if they were unknowing I'd already seen it. The most recent viewing was part of a class at my school I take called Film Studies. I did not watch it through the library, I own it on blu-ray.