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These movies would take nearly two days to watch end to end. And that's with no toilet breaks. And all you'd get to eat and drink would be giant buckets of coke and popcorn, and six inches of horrible pink gunk extruded on a bun. And your left hand will keep wandering down to that tacky gobbet of someone else's chewing gum under your seat. You know it will.

Even if you saw one a week it would take three months; you'd miss all those trips down the pub and your friends would stop speaking to you and you'd be in danger of turning into Jonathan Ross. And no one wants that.

Or perhaps you could watch them at home on DVD and never be able to get up out of your sofa ever again. Even when the pizza arrives.

But then Hollywood Blockbusters are a guilty pleasure you'd really not want to be without. Never fear. Help is at hand. Well, in your hand actually. Ten of the biggest movies of the last thirty years. Condensed. Made (intentionally) funny. Made (intentionally) very funny. Simple really.

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## Kayleigh says

Warning: Has been known to induce hysterical giggling. Do not read in public, unless you want to be stared at.

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## Lois says

Everyone should be required to read this book. It is hilarious, even if you haven't seen the movies, and ten times more so if you have. I adore every page.

Movies in Fifteen Minutes lives by my bedside, and it helps cheer me up if I've had a rough day, or if I just want a good laugh. I liked the ones posted online so much that I bought a copy from a bookstore in England (and let me tell you, the shipping to Alaska wasn't cheap). I have never regretted it for a second.

One last thing-- once, my family and I went on vacation to a sort of retreat outside Homer, Alaska. There was no television or even electricity. I brought this book with me and my parents and my brother and I sat out on the porch, overlooking the cove, and read Jurassic Park and Independence Day. My parents are in their fifties, and they were almost rolling on the ground, they were laughing so hard.

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## T Gadding says

Very well-written and thought out. While some jokes lose a bit of their sharpness when re-read a few years later, none of the humour has gone stale. Excellent fun and very quote-able, you can enjoy the book even if you haven't seen all the movies it dig its claws into. And when you do get around to seeing one of these flicks, just you try and *not* quote lines from Movies in Fifteen Minutes aloud!

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## Lisa says

Brilliant! Not only does it do what the title says, but it also provides a very funny summary of the 'fandom' of each film. If you're already familiar with the film, the parody is bound to be funnier, but if you haven't seen it, the parody is still hilarious.

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## Sparker Pants says

I love Cleolinda Jones, who has a hilarious blog and whose real name is Lauren something. You should read her book and love her too. I cannot word today.

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## Susanne says

Loved the blog, LOVE the book. Cleo has this way of condensing dialogue into the bare meaningful minimum, and doing so with so much hilarity it'll explode the coffee right out of your nose.

May I quote an example from the blog entry on *Hidalgo* (still my favourite Movie in 15 mins)?

JAZIRA: Whatever. I must go. If they catch you sexing me up, they will kill us both!

FRANK: Who said anything about sexing you up?

JAZIRA: \*bats lashes\*

FRANK: Oh no! Someone is coming! I fall on you in the defensive missionary position!

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## Jen says

Hilarious! It works better when you've seen the movies being parodied, but it's not necessary. I highly recommend this for movie buffs, parodiers, or just people who like comedy; Jones's easy style and smooth adaptation of internet language with spoken make for some wonderful jokes and great humor.

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## Abbie says

This collection of parodies was developed from Cleolinda's unusually successful "Movies in 15 Minutes" blog entries. As such, it's not going to change anyone's life, but I leave it on the guest room nightstand. It has been uniformly popular.

It's basically parodies. Good parodies, with an underlying narrative thread, but parodies. If you grew up reading Mad magazine and National Lampoon, you will do fine.

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## Nataliya says

Just because you love a movie does not mean you are not allowed to make fun of it. Some movies are just asking for it. Right? Well, Cleolinda Jones seems to think so. **This book was worth killing a few trees to get it printed.**

**...LOVE...**

*This is how I feel about this book. It was insta-love, love from the first page. It was meant to be. It made me smile and it made me cry (granted, it was from laughter). It understands my (occasionally baffling) sense of*

humor.

The screenplay-format movie parodies that eventually became *Movies in Fifteen Minutes* (M15M) first appeared on Cleolinda's LiveJournal (also of brilliant Twilight parodies fame). This book is the result of her well-deserved internet fame. Cleolinda Jones is effortlessly funny and extremely quotable (just ask anyone who has been around me when I was reading this book!). *She writes her parodies with wit, affectionate snark, a healthy dose of irreverence, and with countless recurrent jokes that never fall flat.* This book is a clear example of how you can love a movie and still laugh at it. And if you like these, you can head over to Cleo's Movies in Fifteen Minutes LJ and find quite a few more there (not the same ones that are in this book though).

Among the movies that get "Cleo treatment" in this book are JURASSIC PARK ("When a T-rex saves your ass, don't ask questions"), TITANIC (based on a true story, where nothing is actually real "but the china is *exactly* replicated"), HARRY POTTER AND THE ~~Philosopher's Sorcerer's~~ PHILOSOPHER'S STONE, and ATTACK OF THE CLONES (featuring "The Traditional Crawl from the Department of Back Story").

Here are some examples of her writing, so you can decide whether this book is your cup of tea:

***TITANIC:***

*Faux Newsreel Footage*

*Did you know this movie is based on a true story? It totally, totally is! Well, except for Jack and Rose. And Rose's mother. And Rose's evil fiancé. And all of the lower-class people they meet. And the fictionalized versions of real people they interact with. But the china is **exactly** replicated.*

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***HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE:***

*HARRY: Why did my hands burn Quirrell?*

*DUMBLEDORE: Your mother's love lives in your skin, Harry.*

*HARRY: But... then why did he have no problem strangling my bare neck?*

*DUMBLEDORE: I think it's time for you to rest, Harry.*

*HARRY: Did my mother love my neck less, or something?*

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***AN UNFORTUNATE STAR WARS PREQUEL, WHATEVER IT WAS CALLED:***

*PADME': There, there. Everyone commits a little mass murder now and then. It's what makes us human.*

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This book is a great read for when you need a bit of laugh - if you, like me, enjoy internet-style parodies. **5 stars without much hesitation.**

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**Stephanie A. says**

This book is HILARIOUS. I was/am a huge fan of the original blog and movie parodies in general, and it never gets old. There's nothing quite like suddenly having the content of 13 different webpages conveniently packaged together in a manner you did not have to collect, print out and/or sew together yourself.

They're all fantastic, but if I had to pick a favorite...well, I'd still have a tough time picking between Harry Potter and Lord of the Rings, or maybe even Titanic. Nearly infinite reread value here.

If I may share just a small sample from Titanic I happen to have lying around:

*Lovejoy gets up, punches Jack in the gut, pockets the key to the handcuffs, and leaves.*

*Jack: Man, are you just the most ironically named guy in the history of ever, or what?*

(Also, I bet you didn't know evil dolphins were involved in this story.)

Go forth and enjoy. The best part is that you can still read various parodies online for free to see if you like the style first.

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## **Cleolinda says**

Since I wrote it, it hardly seems fair to review it.

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## **trishtrash says**

**THE READER:** Is late to the party

**CLEOLINDA JONES:** Is funny like a fox

**THE READER:** Will stop this at once because it's obvious and annoying

It's been a long, long time since I told myself 'hey, I really must get a copy of M15M so that I can read the first Harry Potter film parody and whatallev else she's got hidden away for paying eyes only \*mutter\*'. Then the book sort of fell off my reading radar. Okay, I don't have one of those. I *forgot*. But when I remembered again I was right on it. And, even though it had waited around for a long time for me to get to it, *it was still eye-scrinchingly funny*. So, let this be a lesson to you; if you've forgotten to buy this book, GET ON IT.

[disclosure: for some odd reason, these things come across as very slightly more hilarious online. Maybe it's the screencaps and links, maybe it's the 600+ commenting fans all leaving 'BWAHAHAHA' messages, making it a sort of communal movie-lovers love-in, but I find it helps to hum like a gently overheating CPU while reading].

[disclosure the second: despite the sub-title '*for people who can't be bothered*', these things are also very slightly more hilarious if you've *seen* the films. Even once, ages ago. So you might want to check the index and weigh your ratio of seen/unseen blockbusters. Or not].

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## **Jessie (Ageless Pages Reviews) says**

Cleolinda is just plain hilarious. Her on-the-nose snarky observations, her brilliant pop-culture references and

keen humor are spot-on. It is remarkably quotable and witty. The only detriment this book had missing from the originals online was the fact that linking to tie-in jokes is not possible. Entertaining, sarcastic and laugh-out-loud funny, this book will send you scurrying to her website (<http://cleolinda.com/>) for the online, unpublished editions. All I can say is, read, enjoy and you'll never look at your favorite movies the same way again.

More of my reviews here: <http://bibliophileanonymous.blogspot...>

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## **Goth Gone Grey says**

My sense of humor has an incredible, unashamed weak point for parody. I happened upon the website start of this series and had to get the book. While it's tongue in cheek marketed as a time saving way to take in all ten movies, the parodies are funnier if you know the films.

With secondary characters like vengeful dolphins, owls of irony, and Scottish jailbait Oliver Woods, these are written in a fast paced script format, full of sarcasm. References to other movies, current events from the time of creation, and pop culture abound. Idiosyncrasies are gleefully pointed out, and some of the lines beg to be used often in everyday conversation.

Snape: I hate all of you. But particularly you, Potter.

Draco: \*perks up\*

Snape (to Draco): Perhaps I hate you a little less.

Love it, this will always be in my library.

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## **Anya says**

I'm a huge fan of Miss Cleo's LiveJournal and I was very excited to finally get my hands on the book. It was absolutely hilarious, loved it!

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