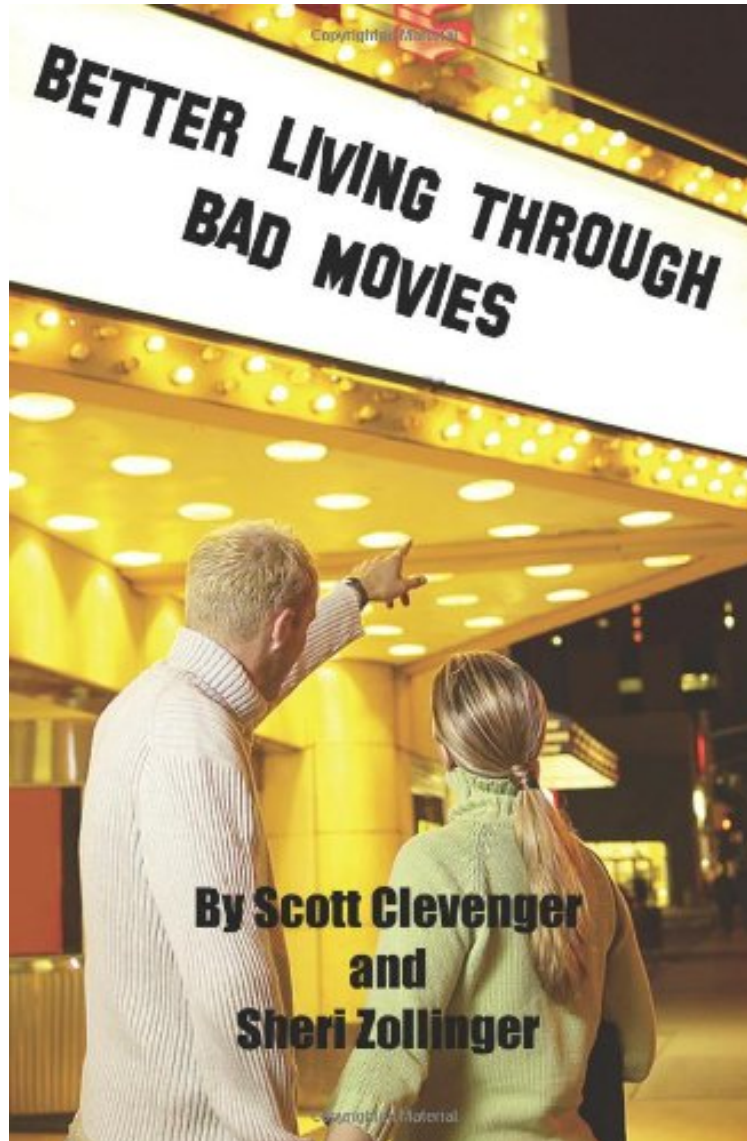


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**Scott Clevenger : Better Living Through Bad Movies** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Better Living Through Bad Movies:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Speaking of bad movies By Marvin Hampton Put this on the shelf next to the Pauline Kael. Not that Scott writes like Pauline, I just think that would be a good place for it . . . Great read. Scott Clevenger has written a very funny look at some of the worst movies ever. He is a true public servant. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. So good I bought it twice! By Customer There is a hardcore subculture of

people that just love, LOVE crappy movies and the people that make fun of them. I am a member of that subculture and I'm betting that if you're reading this review, you are too. We all know the big boys - MST3K (and their various spinoffs the Film Crew and Rifftrax). But there are a lot of talented amateurs out there, writing blogs and Facebook posts and making their family laugh their butts off. And then there is the inbetween - people who are talented, professional writers who also happen to love this crap. Scott and Sheri are, as a team, part of this group. They are wicked smart, mercilessly funny, and have a great sense of how movies that smell of failure can still tell us something about our culture. The brilliance of this book is that they manage to include both snark (about the movie itself and it's awfulness) and satire (in how they suggest we apply the horrible lessons of the movies to our lives) in equal measures. Both of the authors are unabashed liberals and take obvious pride in not-so-subtly comparing conservatives or conservative ideals to what we see in bad movies. If you're the kind of person that thinks our culture is slowly swirling down the drain (and not because they took Jesus out of the schools) but still revels in the dreck it produces, this is THE book for you!

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Don't read this book while eating

By Trina L. Talma  
I made that mistake several times. Well, it was worth the near-death experience of choking on my corn chips while laughing hysterically. It's great to finally have so many bad movie reviews together in one convenient package. Even though I actually liked some of the movies in this book, I'm willing to laugh at them too. All in all, though, I think the lesson to be carried away from this book is that if the authors had gone to Lulu instead of iuniverse, they could be selling it for \$10 instead of nearly \$20.

We've all heard that, "you learn more from failure than you do from success." Which means that all those hours spent watching crappy movies wasn't a waste of your precious and ever-dwindling life span; it was an education! And *Better Living Through Bad Movies* can show you how to extract the profound, life-affirming lessons from films like *Battlefield Earth*, *Coyote Ugly*, and *Indecent Proposal*. In over 50 hilarious reviews, the authors show how you can use the worst movies ever made to improve your sex life (it involves cardboard cutouts and clog dancing), Apocalypse-proof your home (using the following materials: John Travolta, Kevin Costner, Sylvester Stallone and more Kevin Costner), and win omnipotence and a Happy Meal by solving Satan's Junior Jumble. You will also discover how to forge a love that will last a lifetime (by dating the moribund), use films like *Batman and Robin* and *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace* as grief counseling, and conquer the world using common fruit bats and dry cleaning fluid. And most important of all, you'll learn Hollywood's Ultimate Secret: *Why Beaches* and *Armageddon* are actually the exact same movie.

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