

Sometimes You Gotta Fly Before You Can Walk

Once again I caught a movie that I definitely should have seen on the big screen (darn Speed Racer, anyway). [Iron Man](#) positively ranks up there with my all-time favorite superhero movies (need I say which is number one... and it is **NOT** Howard the Duck). I knew absolutely nothing about billionaire industrialist [Tony Stark](#) and his alter ego going in which made the movie even better.

I really appreciated the fact that Mr. Stark (played brilliantly by Robert Downey, Jr.) was a man who had conflicts. He is in the beginning the swinging, drinking, womanizing heir to a fortune which he inherited from his father. Tony acted as if he could care less about the company which provides state of the art weapons to U.S. forces. However after a life and death struggle at the hands of Afghan forces, his view begins to change. While being held captive, the brilliant spoiled rich kid develops the prototype to a new weapon that allows one person to become a nearly indestructible fighting force and uses it to escape his captors.

After returning to society, the industrialist vows to use his technology to fight evil. However, there are sinister forces that will stand in his way. Once again, a film in which no one can be trusted. The supporting cast was also well developed. Jeff Bridges is memorable in his role as is Gwyneth Paltrow as Stark's executive secretary, [Pepper Potts](#).

Following the movie, I saw that my favorite superhero movie and its first sequel were playing on TVLand. However, I decided to break out my DVD collection instead. I do not like to watch great movies interrupted by commercials. Now it is time for the sequel. Have a Super night. And is it just me,

or is Stan Lee quickly becoming the Alfred Hitchcock of this generation by appearing in most of the movies based upon his comic book creations?