The Incredible Hulk

Super hero movies are not must-sees for me, but we caught a showing of The Incredible Hulk the other day mainly because there was nothing else playing that we hadn't seen already. Since physical activity is out for me (but only for another few weeks - YAY!!), going to a movie on our weekly date night has been popular because even someone of my girth can enjoy sitting in an air-conditioned movie theater for a few hours. I was also drawn to this movie because I remember really enjoying The Incredible Hulk tv series as a very young child. So both my husband and I were entertained by the movie; it was action-packed, and the special effects weren't terrible looking like they were in the previews. Edward Norton was good, and so was Liv Tyler, but then again, I don't think I've seen her in anything where she was horrible... except maybe that Aerosmith video in which she appeared in the '90's, but then again, I'm not a fan of music videos anyway. We did come away with a few questions regarding the believability of the film, but of course, you're talking about a super hero movie, and our questions were answered by a helpful friend who reads Marvel comics.

Of my 2 favorite things about the movie, one was the surprise at the end, which I'm not going to spoil, but I will say this — if you're a comic fan, you will REALLY enjoy the surprise. The other thing I really liked was an inside joke I actually got, even though I don't read comic books. Liv Tyler's character buys Bruce Banner some pants, and wouldn't you know it, she picks out a pair of bright purple ones — a nod to the old tv series where the Hulk wore purple. I thought that joke was especially funny and clever, and I'm glad they included it. Also enjoyable is the Lou Ferrigno cameo; he's the original Hulk from tv who appears in this movie as a security guard and also voices the computer generated Hulk. If you like the comics, you've probably seen this already, but I'd

also recommend it for anyone who likes fantasy/action movies or if you were a fan of the Hulk tv show from decades ago. It's not going to make me start reading comic books, but it was well worth seeing just for the nostalgia factor alone.