



Interesting Tidbits

This is the first ever prequel from Pixar.

“Monster’s Inc.” was a huge hit that was released by Disney/Pixar in 2001. The movie followed Mike Wazowski (Billy Crystal) and Sully (John Goodman) as they scared children for energy as a career. 12 years later, they decided to release a prequel to the successful movie and they called it “Monster’s University.” The movie shows the origins of how Mike and Sully became the best of friends and their not-so-friendly beginnings. The ultimate collector’s edition included the movie in 3-D Blu-ray, Blu-ray, DVD, and digital formats.

I am a huge fan of “Monsters Inc.,” but I felt there were some things missing in “Monsters University” that caused it to not be as good as its predecessor. For instance, I thought the computer animation was very well done, but the 3-D was so much better in the original movie. I usually compliment Pixar on their usage of depth in the 3-D versions of their movies, but thought this was their weakest effort to date. Also, the fact that Boo was nowhere to be found in the movie made “Monsters University” lose their cute factor. She was one of my favorite characters and she was not ever mentioned throughout the whole movie. I also thought this movie lacked focus and cohesiveness, which was a total change from the original movie. The plot just felt all over the place and made this viewing experience not as enjoyable as the first movie.

However, I did like some of the new monsters and the bonus content. Some of the newly created monsters were very thoughtful and unique. Also, I always love how Disney & Pixar include so much bonus content to appease any fans. The bonus content ranged from shorts to featurettes to games to deleted scenes. I was happy to see Mike and Sully again, but was expecting a lot more out of “Monsters University” and I was pretty much disappointed. For those reasons, I am giving this movie a “B-.”

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