The book that started the phenomenon is now available in a deluxe collectors edition! Featuring a ribbon bookmark, cloth cover, ragged edges, new chapter opener designs, and a beautiful protective slipcase, this edition is perfect for fans and collectors alike.

Bella Swans move to Forks, a small, perpetually rainy town in Washington, could have been the most boring move she ever made. But once she meets the mysterious and alluring Edward Cullen, Bellas life takes a thrilling and terrifying turn. Up until now, Edward has managed to keep his vampire identity a secret in the small community he lives in, but now nobody is safe, especially Bella, the person Edward holds most dear.

Deeply romantic and extraordinarily suspenseful, Twilight captures the struggle between defying our instincts and satisfying our desires. This is a love story with bite.

My Personal Review:
As an ELA teacher at a middle school in Hawai`i, I am always searching for novels that will appeal to the students that enter my classroom each day. I had not found one, until I read Twilight for a University of Hawai`i literacy course. This book not only reaches each individual reader on an individual level, but it appeals to the masses. I compare the series very much to that of the Harry Potter novels, in that people who pick these books up cannot put them down.

The main character, Bella, escapes her previous life and falls desperately in love with a vampire named Edward. While this plot does not seem realistic at all, it is written in a way that, unless you knew that vampires were not real (or are they...), you would believe every single word. As the first book of the series of four progresses, you begin to see the bond and the infatuation that Bella and Edward have for each other, and you become very attached to the characters. Their emotions are vividly painted on every page, as Meyer does an amazing job at portraying their love affair.
For the students in my class, they cannot even put it down. Just this past Friday I caught two girls reading under their desk (which puts me in quite a conundrum, seeing that I am advocating for their reading; however class is important as well). One girl was reading Twilight and the other New Moon. I had never seen them so wrapped up in a story, and this was certainly the first time one of my students was ever so focused! We finished our work, and for the last 10 minutes of class we were going to watch a movie to find certain speech elements in it (kind of a reward too). The two girls asked if they could sit outside the classroom and read, as they couldn’t concentrate with the movie going. I could not believe it!

Twilight comes under some fire by critics (specifically my co-teacher) as being too sappy and a somewhat weak fictional read. But, my response to that is that Meyers target audience for this book is not 25 year old women, but rather 15 year olds. Even boys can’t get enough of the book (me being one of them). If it is understood that this novel was written on the account that younger girls would be reading it more so than women in their twenties, I think we can all agree that it has been one of the biggest reading hits in the past year or two. Meyers website offers up some interesting information about why she wrote it. She says that her ideas initially came from a dream she was having about the characters, and what evolved was Twilight. At some points, she could not sleep, and she often had to jump out of bed with ideas for characters and their personalities. No wonder the book is such a good read; the author could not even sleep when she was writing it!

I recommend this book to anyone looking for a good read, but especially ELA teachers who have struggling readers. Put this book in their hands (if it is their level) and watch them get swallowed up by the hysteria that surrounds the series. You will end up having to get them the other three in the set!

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