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Who would have thought that [director] Cameron Crowe had a movie as bad as *Vanilla Sky* in him? It's a punishing picture, a betrayal of everything that Crowe has proved he knows how to do right.

~Stephanie Zacharek

The scariest thing in it may be the way the clock radio has a way of turning itself on, loudly, of its own accord. The song is always the Carpenters' "We've Only Just Begun." Now that's horror.

~Stephanie Zacharek

It's impossible to tell what's going on at any given moment in *Tomb of the Dragon Emperor*; it's even harder to care about being able to tell.

~Stephanie Zacharek

The bigger question to ask about *300* is why, for a supposedly rousing tale of heroism, it's so curiously unaffecting.

~Stephanie Zacharek

Pan's Labyrinth works on so many levels that it seems to change shape even as you watch it. It is, at times, a joyless picture, and its pall of sadness can begin to weigh you down.

~Stephanie Zacharek

"*Batman Begins*" leaks existential phoniness from the first frame.

~Stephanie Zacharek

While "*9 Songs*" is sexually explicit in the basic sense, its directness is what's most fascinating, and ultimately most moving, about it.

~Stephanie Zacharek

This film "*Phantom*" takes everything that's wrong with Broadway and puts it on the big screen in a gaudy splat.

~Stephanie Zacharek

Monster is a compassionate picture without any obvious agenda. And it's effective precisely because it's not a polemic.

~Stephanie Zacharek

I can't remember ever feeling so glad that a movie was finally over. [Director George] Lucas may have held my imagination hostage for two hours, but reclaiming it afterward wasn't hard at all.

~Stephanie Zacharek

You can talk film theory till you're blue in the face, but in the end, the thing that may haunt you most about a movie is a pair of eyes.

~Stephanie Zacharek

We've moved away from being a culture of people who think about movies to one made up of people who believe that spouting a list of preferences is the same as registering an opinion.

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