

### ***Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One***

I had to see this movie in IMAX, especially after all the hype about Tom Cruise and his death-defying stunts, riding a motorcycle off a cliff. And almost giving everyone who coordinated the stunt and watched his jump a heart attack!

For me, the moment in the movie was a bit anti-climactic, but I wouldn't have been impressed had I not seen how much effort was required to get that shot. It was extremely dangerous and a bit foolish, in my opinion, even if it was successful. Even so, I was impressed when it was shown on the big screen in all its glory.

Overall, the story was not too bad—incorporating AI was timely although the filming ended years ago. Hayley Atwell as Grace, kept me engaged and carried the movie. I enjoyed seeing the return of Rebecca Ferguson as Ilsa Faust, Ving Rhames as Luther Stickell, and Simon Pegg as Beji Dunn.

However, Dear Tom, when the Hollywood writers' strike ends and permits you to continue filming Part Two of this saga, please give us more story and less stunts. However, I am sure the Marvel fans loved the car chases, crashes, and explosions, but you are getting a bit long in the tooth for these Ethan Hunt antics. I will wait for it to stream.

For me, I can't wait to see Christopher Nolan's Oppenheimer!

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