



Underworld Awakening (2012)

TOMATOMETER ? All Critics | Top Critics

28%

Average Rating: 4/10
Reviews Counted: 57
Fresh: 16 | Rotten: 41

There's more vapid action and less story in Underworld Awakening than previous installments, making the whole affair feel inconsequential.

AUDIENCE ?

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liked it
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MOVIE INFO

Kate Beckinsale, star of the first two films, returns in her lead role as the vampire warrioress Selene, who escapes imprisonment to find herself in a world where humans have discovered the existence of both Vampire and Lycan clans, and are conducting an all-out war to eradicate both immortal species. -- (C) Official Site

R, 1 hr. 28 min. In Theaters: Jan 20, 2012 Wide
Action & Adventure, Horror, Science Fiction & Fantasy US Box Office:\$45.0M
Screen Gems

Directed By: [Måns Mårlind](#), [Björn Stein](#)
Written By: [Allison Burnett](#), [Kevin Grievoux](#)

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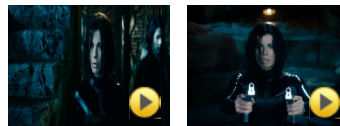
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Cast

Kate Beckinsale Selene	Stephen Rea Dr. Jacob Lane, Jacob
Michael Ealy Detective Sebastian	Theo James David
India Eisley Eve	Sandrine Holt Lida

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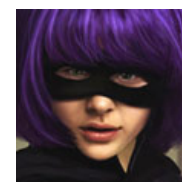
Critic Reviews for Underworld Awakening

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Pitiless, puerile, pointless and perfunctory - and those are just the "P's"
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Once again, Beckinsale brings an impressive physicality and subzero cool to her portrayal of Selene.
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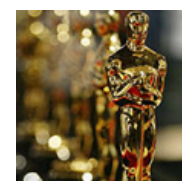
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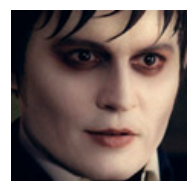
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Peter Moore
Las Vegas Morning News
Critic

Kate Beckinsale's "Selene" remains one-note, but it's a wildly entertaining note.
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Laremy Legel
Film.com
★ Top Critic

The most generic entry of the bunch.
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Tom Russo
Boston Globe
★ Top Critic

I don't think this was meant to be funny, but I found it pretty darn amusing.
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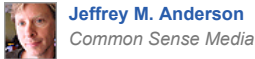
Ken Hanke
Mountain Xpress (Asheville, NC)

A sloppy, messy, frankly dumb action/horror hybrid, but at least it moves quickly and delivers the goods.
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Scott Weinberg
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UNDERWORLD AWAKENING is definitely gory, but someone forgot to also make it scary, exciting, sexy, and/or fun.
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Jeffrey M. Anderson
Common Sense Media

A swift, brutal, and thoroughly competent actioner that doesn't balk at a bit of bloodletting. Arriving between parts one and two of Twilight's interminable swan song Breaking Dawn, nothing could be more welcome.
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Simon Mirauo
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The directors ignore the hokey and increasingly busy mythology of past entries to serve up a nonstop bloodbath: The violence is surprisingly extreme, goofily absurd and gratifyingly coherent.
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John Beifuss
Commercial Appeal (Memphis, TN)

The Underworld series hits a palpable low with this absolutely interminable entry...
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David Nusair
Reel Film Reviews

A typical vampire of the future film, but Beckinsale looks great in leather



Joe Leydon
Variety
★ Top Critic

The combat quotient, to the movie's credit, is way up, with narrative folderol kept to a minimum.
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Andy Webster
New York Times
★ Top Critic

There's not much to this movie beyond a slick procession of dark, gleaming violence.
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David Hiltbrand
Philadelphia Inquirer
★ Top Critic

Also missing... most of the so-called Lycans who, their appearance in a few respectable action sequences notwithstanding, are now nearly extinct. So is this franchise.
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Matt Singer
Time Out Chicago

There's even an Evanescence track to close proceedings, for God's sake.
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Ed Whitfield
The Ooh Tray

It's too soon to name the worst movie of 2012, but this one sets the bar pretty high -- er, low.
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Jim Lane
Sacramento News & Review

More creature feature than vampire movie, this fourth edition of Underworld tries to emulate the stylistics of Len Wiseman's 2004 original, with Wiseman leading the writing team
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Andrew L. Urban
Urban Cinefile

It's not awful, merely functional and lacking an identity now that the lore of previous entries has been abandoned.
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Jordan Farley
SFX Magazine

'One day,' Kate assures her daughter, 'you, too, will grow up to dress like a restaurant server in San Francisco.'
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Mark Ramsey
MovieJuice!

Kate Beckinsale looks great and she certainly

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Jackie K. Cooper
[jackiekooper.com](#)



Twilight: Breaking Dawn - Part 2 is coming out later this year, right? So at least this will only be the 2nd worst vampire vs. werewolf movie of 2012.

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Anders Wotzke
Cut Print Review



If you liked the earlier Underworld films, or if you haven't seen them but enjoyed the Resident Evil movies, then you'll like this one too.

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Scott Nash
Three Movie Buffs



can "off" werewolves like nobody's business. But, the "Underworld" films are all pretty much alike, lots of action with a throwaway story. "Awakening" is no different. Paul Chambers, CNN.

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Paul Chambers
CNNRadio



Brief but bloody and best enjoyed in zombie mode.

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Tom Meek
Boston Phoenix



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I'm not a huge fan of the series but I really enjoyed this entry. Mindless, non-stop action, super violent and makes good use of 3D. Well worth the matinee price I paid.

January 26, 2012



A.D. Villarreal
★ Super Reviewer



Selene: For 12 years I was held captive by the humans. The world I once knew has changed. Vampires and Lycans are now the hunted. Unnecessary is the term I would use to describe the latest entry in the highly successful Underworld franchise. Prior to viewing Underworld Awakening, I had not seen any of the previous ... [more](#)

October 30, 2011



Matt Goodman
★ Super Reviewer

Underworld Awakening Quotes

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Eve: It's worse if you try to fight it, trust me.

– Submitted by [Dave S](#) (6 days ago)

Selene: I was with him one day, and when I awoke it was 12 years later.

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Thomas: Silver ammunition!

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Selene: My heart's not cold, it's broken.

– Submitted by [Nikki P](#) (12 days ago)

Selene: This day was bound to come!

– Submitted by [Jason B](#) (13 days ago)