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Stephenie Meyer's 'The Host' Could Begin Filming Next Year

'Twilight' author's first adult novel is well on its way to the big screen.

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With the film installments of her "Twilight" novels not yet fully completed, Stephenie Meyer is already well into the development of her next film franchise. According to [Deadline.com](#), the adaptation of the author's first adult novel, "The Host," could go before cameras as early as next year.

Published in 2008, the book involves benevolent yet parasitic aliens who have taken over the minds of almost all the humans on Earth. Upon its release, [Meyer described the plot to MTV News](#) as " 'Invasion of the Body Snatchers,' if the aliens had won."

Although financing is not yet in place and no definite shooting schedule is planned for the sci-fi/horror hybrid, producer Steve Schwartz divulged that "Truman Show" Oscar-nominee Andrew Niccol is currently working on his third draft of the screenplay, with the author's close involvement. Niccol is also signed on to direct the film.

Schwartz, who is now budgeting the project with co-producers Paula Mae Schwartz and Nick Wechsler, again noted that Meyer handpicked the filmmaker because Niccol's directorial debut, "Gattaca," is one of her favorite science-fiction films. However, his hire was not immediate.

"We spent time with Andrew," Schwartz explained. "Listened to his vision, introduced Andrew to Stephenie and she responded. There is very good chemistry in this group. Stephenie is a very smart collaborator, and she had an intuitive strong hunch he would be the right guy. Based on the script we've seen, we think she was right."

Fans will have to wait and see if Meyer is also right about her dream cast for the film, which she told MTV News in 2008 includes Robert Redford, Matt Damon and both Ben and Casey Affleck. Another uncertainty is when — or if — Meyer will ever finish her two planned sequels to "The Host."

Regardless of whether or not the adaptation spawns further novels or movies, a 2011 shoot could put "The Host" in theaters before the "Twilight Saga" ends, depending on when the second part to the two-film adaptation of "Breaking Dawn" is released.

Plus, with Meyer's announcement of the "Eclipse" spin-off novella "[The Short Second Life of Bree Tanner](#)," there's now a tease that Summit Entertainment could extend the hot vampire film series even further than a fifth installment.

Would you go see the film version of "The Host" in theaters? Let us know in the comments!

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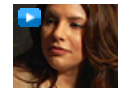


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I love the Host! It took me 200 pages to really get into it, but once I did there was no stopping! I adore it...WAY better than Twilight. I can't wait for the movie adaptation. But honestly, please, so more than 5 Twilight movies. I'm a fan, but that just overkill...

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I bought The Host and tried many times to read it. I just couldn't get into it...

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I thought it would be a great movie after the first time I read it! I have been waiting for this news! Maybe Dakota Fanning can play the lead? She is so versatile and about the same age as Melanie...

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Paul Walker!!! Stephenie, dude, Matt Damon is too old. Jared IS Paul Walker!!!

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Yeah, I rather liked the Host. It had some issues, but I can see those getting smoothed out in a screenplay. The Host would be less of a maudlin teen love triangle.

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SWEET That's just perfect. The Twilight Series was good but The Host was way better. I wanna see Ian Somerhalder play Ian O Shea

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No. I loved all the Twilight books, but the Host was terrible. I kept reading thinking something would happen and nothing ever did. What a bore. I think people only bought it because of who wrote it, and it was awful.

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Yay! I can't wait! Mary Elizabeth Winstead should play the lead character!!

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Good choice.

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Oh my Gosh!!!! Of course I would go watch The Host!! The book was amazing. Oh, I'm sooooo excited!! Stephanie is awesome!!

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I cannot wait to see The Host made into a film. I Love Stephanie Meyer's writing and cannot wait to read the sequels to The Host. I am one of those "Twilight Moms" well actually "Twilight Auntie" but I am definitely "Team Stephanie"!! Please don't forget about finishing "Midnight Sun" I am eagerly awaiting that one.

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YES!!! CAN'T WAIT FOR THE TWO SEQUELS TO THE HOST!!!!!!!!!!!!!! TO BE HONEST I LIKED THE HOST BETTER THAN THE TWILIGHT SERIES.

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