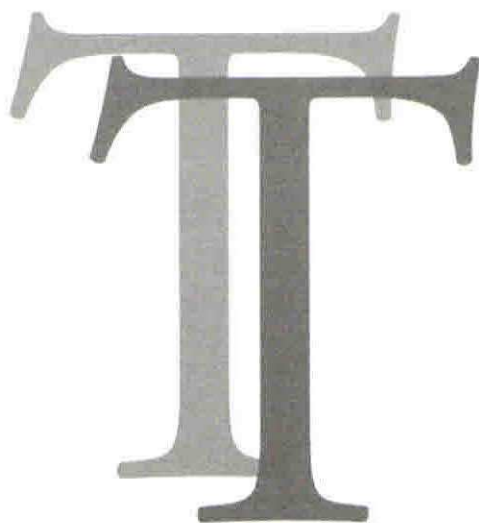


# EO Teen Pages



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## Welcome!

Hello one and all and welcome to the second issue of the Teen Pages.  
This months editors are: Joe, Freya, Eloise and Leila.

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All contributions such as drawings/ artwork must be in **black and white**. Remember to include your full name, address and membership number.

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# Eloïse's Art Page

Hello again readers! Sadly, I haven't received any feedback from you yet about what you would like to see in this section. If you would like to tell me about your art form/practice or even just send in a picture, I'd love to hear from you. This section not only encompasses painting and drawing but also other aspects of the arts world such as performance arts, creative writing etc. It would be brilliant to hear from you if you do have something that you think you'd like to share with me! Send any comments or contributions to [teenteam@education-otherwise.org](mailto:teenteam@education-otherwise.org).

For this issue I have decided to tell you a little bit about the Arts Award. The Arts Award is an accredited qualification which is run by Trinity College London and the Arts Council England. It supports young people to develop as artists and arts leaders in their chosen discipline and can be taken at levels 1, 2 and 3 on the National Qualifications Framework. You can complete an Arts Award in nearly any artistic field from performance arts to creative writing and music to visual arts (painting, drawing, sculpture etc). The list of disciplines that it is possible to accomplish an Arts Award in is almost endless.

This qualification is extremely flexible and works around you. Whatever your art form, whatever your ability, whatever your circumstances and wherever you live it is possible for you to achieve. There are no strict rules for how you complete your Arts Award and there are more or less no limits to the ways you can present your work. You can take as long as you want to finish it. It is accessible to all and no entry requirements are needed. The Arts Award can fit around your skills and talents!

Attending events and participating in workshops, researching and exploring the arts world, setting yourself challenges and running your own projects are just some of the many exciting experiences that you will be able to have whilst you are working on your Arts Award. This nationally recognised qualification is run at three levels—Bronze, Silver and Gold. At Bronze you are working at GCSE D–G grade standard; at Silver you are working at GCSE A\*–C grade standard and at Gold A level standard.

I have completed my Bronze and Silver Arts Awards in visual arts and I am now working on my Gold. Whilst completing them, I have had lots of fun experiences and opportunities that I wouldn't have had otherwise. So far, these have included: completing an arts apprenticeship, putting on my own workshops, running my own exhibition, interviewing an established illustrator and exhibiting my work at my local arts centre.

The Arts Award is open to young people aged between 11 and 25. It is an absolutely amazing qualification that I would definitely recommend for those of you who, like me, are interested in pursuing a career in the arts. If you would like more information about it and to find out where it is run in your local area then visit: [www.artsaward.org.uk](http://www.artsaward.org.uk)



# **MOVIE REVIEW**

By Son of Cthulhu

It's the summer time, and despite the horribly hot weather, some good comes out of it in the form of lots of big movies, and there's been many out at the cinema over the past few months, and i got to see most of the big ones. Most will be a bit out of date by the time this goes to print, so I'll review the latest one at the time of writing...

## **Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen**

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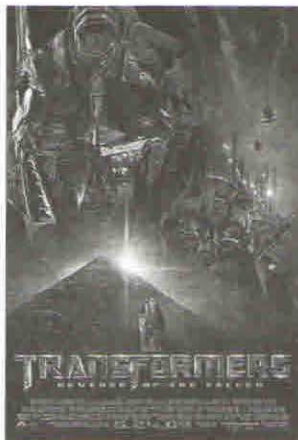
Run time: 150 minutes

Revenge of the Fallen had allot to live up to, being the sequel to the awesome Transformers from 2007, which in my opinion was one of the best action movies ever made.

Starring Shia LaBeouf and Megan Fox and directed by Michael Bay, it continues 2 years after the events of the first film, as the Autobots (the good robots, in case you didn't know) are working with humans to get rid of the still present Decepticons (the evil ones) and Sam Witwicky (Shia) is heading off to college and trying to live a normal life.

Things get hectic when a piece of the allspark transmits images into Sam's brain, and the Decepticons, lead now by The Fallen, come after him to retrieve the information. The story's dumb, and it's cheesy, yes, but who cares? You're not supposed to take it seriously and that's not really what makes the film so great. What makes the film so great is the awesome spectacle of the giant transforming robots fighting each other and blowing stuff up.

The cgi by ILM is amazing, even improving on the first which to this day is still some of the best around, sometimes the amount of detail on the transformers is overwhelming, and the transformation sequences that were so impressive from the first never get old. The music is suitably epic and heroic, the jokes are hit and miss but do the job well enough. The only problem for me,(and its not a problem with the film itself) is that although this film is bigger in pretty much every aspect, it



somewhat lacks the sense of awe that the original had, but only because that was the first time you'd seen anything so amazing, and that was inevitable really. That being said i did have to stop myself from cheering out loud at times in this film, it was that awesome.

#### Conclusion:

There are deep films, films that make you think, films that move you emotionally... but what some people unfortunately fail to understand is that some films are just there for you to switch your brain off and have fun watching giant transforming robots fight each other and blow stuff up... and that's all this film needs to be. If you loved the first one (like i did), or are just looking to engage in some mindless yet exhilarating fun, this film delivers it in spades... that transform... and blow stuff up.

Verdict: 9/10

# JAMES MORRISON FACTFILE

By Eloise Trett

Full name: James Morrison Catchpole

Age: 24

Date of birth: 13<sup>th</sup> August 1984

Born: Rugby, Warwickshire

Girlfriend's name: Gill

Daughter's name: Elsie

Genre of music: Soul/Rock/Alternative

Origins: James Morrison started playing guitar at age 13 when his uncle Joe showed him how to play a blues riff. He began busking on the streets at a very young age when he lived in the village of Porth (near Newquay, Cornwall). After some years covering other musicians' songs he eventually started composing his own. Whilst visiting Derby, he found a pub called 'Ryan's Bar' with an open mic night. For the next two years he performed there and managed to build up a following until he was signed by 'Polydor Records' in 2005.



Childhood illnesses: James was seriously ill as a baby with whooping cough and nearly died. He attributes his distinct sounding voice to this.

Debut single: *You Give Me Something*—Released in July 2006 and a huge success in many countries.

Debut album: *Undiscovered*—Released in July 2006. Sold over 2 million copies worldwide! This album produced 5 singles: *You Give Me Something*, *Wonderful World*, *The Pieces Don't Fit Anymore*, *Undiscovered* and *One Last Chance*.

Latest album: *Songs for You, Truths for Me*—Released in September 2008. This album produced 4 singles: *You Make It Real*, *Broken Strings*, *Please Don't Stop the Rain* and *Nothing Ever Hurt Like You*.

Inspirations: James Morrison has been influenced by music from a young age, listening to and taking inspiration from artists such as Stevie Wonder, Otis Redding, Van Morrison and Al Green. Most of his own songs are inspired by his relationships with his family and friends and his feelings for each of them.

Random facts: James is 5 foot 10 inches tall. He is short sighted and wears glasses. He failed music at school and was graded U.

Live: **ABSOLUTELY AMAZING!** I would strongly recommend, to anyone who is a fan of James Morrison, to go and see him live. You won't be disappointed! I was extremely lucky to recently have had the opportunity to go to one of his concerts, at Thetford Forest. He was outstanding and sounded just as incredible as on his CDs. To find out more about his upcoming tour dates visit his official website: [www.jamesmorrisonmusic.com](http://www.jamesmorrisonmusic.com). **GO AND SEE HIM!**



# Manga

Welcome to the Manga pages! Over the past year, I have become obsessed with Manga/ Anime, and it's all I'm interested in at the moment. Contributions, suggestions and feedback for these pages are all welcome, via the following email address: teenteam@education-otherwise.org.

Enjoy!

## - RELEASES THIS AUGUST -

*NOTE: The Manga that are mentioned below are English Translation versions coming out in either the UK or the US. The Original Japanese Manga may have come out several months (or years!) before.*

Tsubasa: Those with Wings VOLUME 2 by Natsuki Takaya  
Publication Date: August 4, 2009

Phantom Dream VOLUME 3 by Natsuki Takaya  
Publication Date: August 4, 2009

Flame of Recca VOLUME 32 by Nobuyuki Anzai  
Publication Date: August 11, 2009

Kingdom Hearts II VOLUME 4 by Shiro Amano  
Publication Date: August 11, 2009

## -USEFUL VOCABULARY-

**Manga:**

- (1) A Japanese style of drawing.
- (2) A professionally produced Japanese comic.

**Anime:**

Is the Japanese abbreviation of the English word "animation". Commonly used when referring to Japanese animated films or series.

**Shonen/ Shounen:**

**Anime/ Manga genre.** Literally means boy. Shonen is usually targeted at a young male audience.

**Shojo/ Shoujo:**

**Anime/manga genre.** Literally means girl. Shojo is usually targeted at a young female audience.

**Mangaka:**

Professional Manga artist.

**Seiyū:**

A Japanese voice-actor.

**Light Novel:**

A short-ish novel directed at teens and young adults. In Japan, light-novels have been the popular choices for Anime and Manga adaptations.

## BIOGRAPHY



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Hayao Miyazaki is a Japanese filmmaker and co-founder of Studio Ghibli, an animation studio and production company. He is very well known in Japan and surrounding Asian countries, and his name is a familiar one amongst Manga fans. His films usually incorporate serious and meaningful themes, particularly environmentalism and pacifism. The main characters are often girls or young women with strong,

determined personalities.

Interestingly, flight (particularly human flight) is a regular theme in his films.

Miyazaki's most recognized films include: Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind; My Neighbour Totoro; Princess Mononoke; Howl's Moving Castle and Spirited Away.

He is also the author of several Manga, including the original Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind series, which he based his film on.

Recently, Miyazaki has released his new Manga series: Kaze Tachinu (The Wind Rises#).

His most recent film is Ponyo on the Cliff by the Sea which was released in 2008 in Japan, but is said (by the Anime News Network) to be released this month in the USA.

[www.animenewsnetwork.com](http://www.animenewsnetwork.com) A great website with all the news on future Manga/ Anime releases. Serving anime fans' information needs with daily news, columns, reviews and the most extensive anime & manga database on the internet.

[www.tokyopop.com](http://www.tokyopop.com) Official site of Manga publisher TOKYOPOP. The site also provides free Manga magazine, Manga pods and previews, up-to-the-minute Manga news, and the national Rising Stars of Manga competition.

[www.howtodrawmanga.com](http://www.howtodrawmanga.com) The Official How to Draw Manga / Manga University website, with free tutorials, Manga, an online store and mailing list.

[www.viz.com](http://www.viz.com) Information on anime videos, and Manga comics, graphic novels and merchandise from Manga publisher Viz. With news, profiles and downloads.

Rumiko Takahashi, author of the well-known Manga InuYasha and Ranma ½, has recently released a new Manga: Kyōkai no Rinne (or RIN-NE) in the Japanese Manga Magazine: Weekly Shōnen Sunday.

- RECOMMENDATIONS -

THE MELANCHOLY OF HARUHI SUZUMIYA



Kyon's reasonably normal high-school life is turned upside-down from the moment the new transfer student, Haruhi Suzumiya, introduces

herself to the class by stating she finds all humans boring and asking if anyone is an alien, time traveller, or an esper. Appalled by the lack of "interesting" school clubs, Haruhi starts her own: the SOS Brigade (which stands for the: Spreading Excitement all Over the World with Haruhi Suzumiya Brigade) and forces the reluctant Kyon to help her. The club's purpose is to find all forms of the extraordinary and supernatural.

Ironically, Haruhi is completely unaware of the fact that the three other members of the SOS Brigade: Yuki, Mikuru and Itsuki, are exactly what she is looking for...and that Haruhi herself possesses the power to change, destroy and reshape the universe depending on her emotions.

If Haruhi ever found this out, it would spell disaster for everybody....

The Haruhi Suzumiya series is still ongoing and currently consists of 10 light novels, an Anime series and 3 different Manga series. The Anime and Manga are available in English.

RATED FOR TEENS by the Anime News Network

RANMA ½



Apart from his superhuman strength and extraordinary skill in martial arts, Ranma Saotome was a perfectly normal sixteen year old boy...until he fell into a cursed spring during a training trip in China, and came out...a girl!

He is now cursed to take the body of a girl every time he is splashed with cold water - but thankfully, hot water changes him back into a boy. Due to this curse, Ranma now has many suitors after both his male and female forms!

As if that wasn't enough, his father has arranged a marriage for him behind his back, and Ranma finds himself affianced to the aggressive, tomboyish, but very popular Akane Tendo, who dislikes him (or says she dislikes him) simply because he's a boy...

This arrangement hardly helps, as it seems to have given Ranma a large number of rivals...

Ranma ½ consists of 36 Manga volumes (written by Rumiko Takahashi), 161 Anime episodes divided into 7 seasons, and 2 feature-length films.

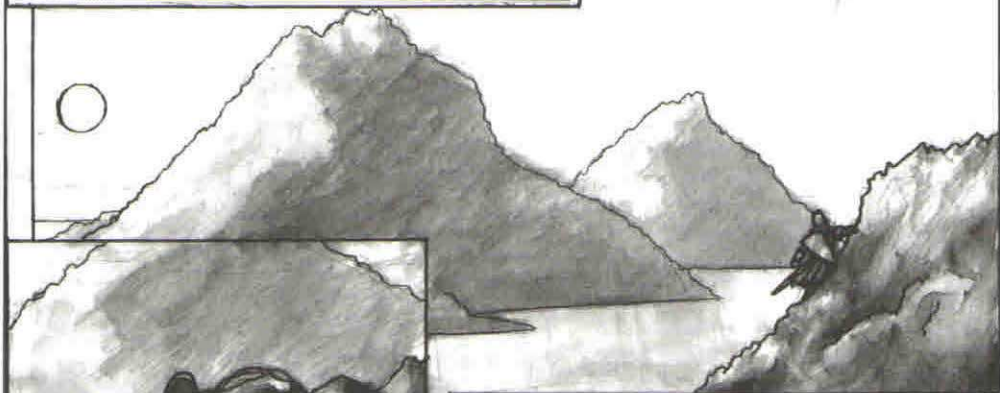
Both the Anime and Manga are available in English.

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# HE USED TO SLAY

By Son Of  
Cthulhu

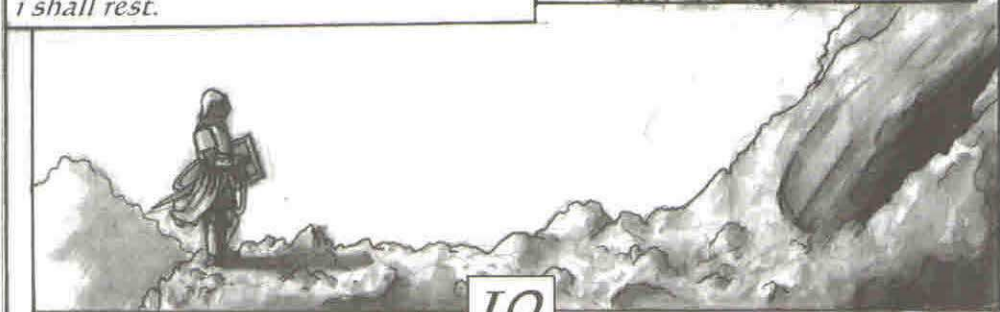
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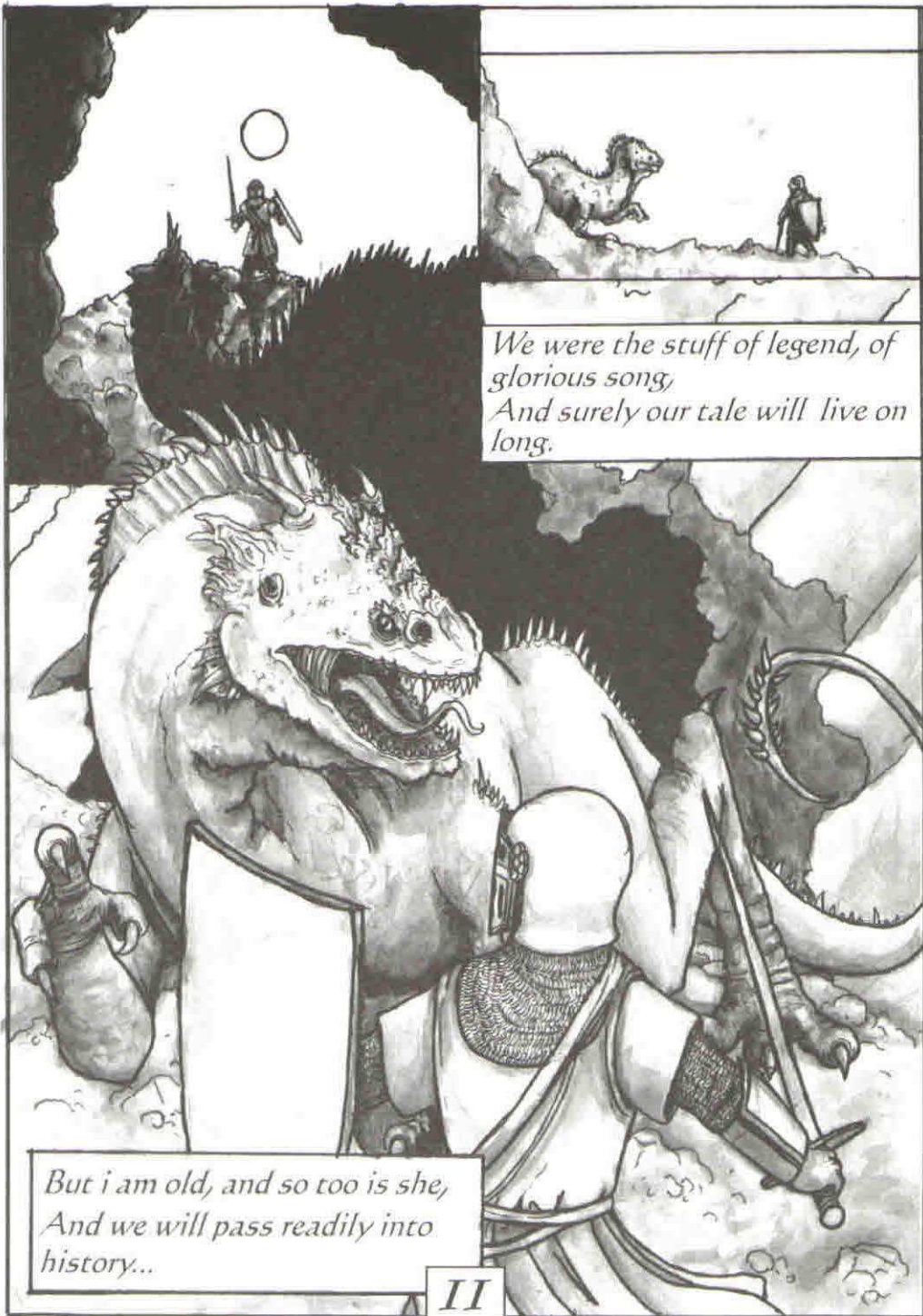


*"He used the slay dragons", they'd point  
and say,  
As i sat and waited for the end each day.*



*What good is a knight without a quest?  
Yet with this last quarry maybe at last  
i shall rest.*





*We were the stuff of legend, of  
glorious song,  
And surely our tale will live on  
long.*

*But i am old, and so too is she,  
And we will pass readily into  
history...*

