

# WOKSAPE

## Skyfall is a Must-See in the James Bond Series

**BY HUNTER KOCH**

In *Skyfall*, Daniel Craig reprises his role as James Bond. The film opens in Turkey, as Bond and fellow MI6 agent Eve chase a mercenary who has killed an MI6 agent and stolen a hard drive containing many undercover NATO agents.

The chase leads to a struggle atop a moving train, as Bond attempts to kill the mercenary and recover the hard drive.



**STOCK PHOTO**

Daniel Craig gives a stellar performance as James Bond in the most recent Bond movie in the 007 series, *Skyfall*.

Eve, under orders from MI6 head “M,” fires at the mercenary, although she doesn’t have a clear shot, and hits Bond. He is declared missing and presumed killed.

Later, as M returns from a meeting, the MI6 computer system is hacked and an explosion occurs in the offices of the building, which kills several MI6 employees.

Bond, previously presumed dead, hears of this incident and returns to London.

After much time away, Bond isn’t as strong or agile as he once was, but he insists he is ready to return to field work.

Thus, he is sent to Shanghai to track, question, and kill the mercenary who stole the hard drive.

The mercenary and Bond fight, but, as Bond questions him, the mercenary falls from the skyscraper on which they are fighting to his death.

However, Bond discovers a casino chip in the mercenary’s equipment, which leads him to a casino in Macau. While at the casino, Bond makes an agree-

ment with a woman named Sévérine: she will take Bond to the man for whom both the mercenary and Sévérine work, as long as Bond promises to kill the man.

Sévérine and Bond head to the island on which the man behind this entire plot, Raoul Silva, lives. Silva kills Sévérine, but Bond takes out Silva’s guards and captures him, just as British helicopters arrive.

Back in London, Silva is detained, and he explains that he stole the hard drive and blew up the offices to get revenge on M, who betrayed him.

Silva then escapes and attempts to kill M and other members of MI6. The fight between Bond and Silva escalates into an enormous climax at Bond’s childhood home.

*Skyfall* is definitely a welcome addition to the James Bond

franchise. The last two films featuring Daniel Craig were widely considered subpar, although they weren’t terrible.

This film really convinced me that Daniel Craig is a terrific James Bond.

Compared to the other films I’ve seen in the Bond series, I must say Craig’s performance as 007 is up there with Sean Connery.

*Skyfall* was extremely interesting, as instead of simply romance, violence, and explosions (although there were plenty), *Skyfall* develops the characters more so than in other films.

The film explores Bond and some of his past and his emotions, and it looks at the mother-son type relationship between Bond and M.

I’d highly recommend this film to anyone.

## Editor’s Note

As we look around us, we realize Christmas is right around the corner, though it seems like yesterday was Halloween. Colored lights are lighting the streets of Yankton, and all the holiday music brings the best out of everyone.

This is my favorite time of the year, and it will be over before we know it.

For some people, the holidays are about how many presents they can rake in. The holidays should be all about giving and showing how much the loved ones around you mean to you. This is not necessarily done by giving gifts or money, but simply by being in the presence of the people who love you and showing what the real meaning of Christmas is all about.

This time of year brings out the best and worst of people. It is always nice to see millionaires donating to the less fortunate. But, we also see some people who spend oodles of money on useless items and things they do not need.

There is one lady out there who has shown year in and year out what Christmas is all about, and that is my grandma, Pat Robinson.

I once saw Christmas as a chance to get splendid gifts and spend the rest of vacation playing with those gifts. But after spending more and more time with her, I have realized what Christmas is all about. Giving makes the soul feel so much better rather than receiving.

My grandmother runs the Toys for Tots program here in Yankton and helps get presents to the less fortunate that maybe wouldn’t have any presents under the tree on Christmas morning if not for Toys for Tots.

Who would want to spend a Christmas not being able to open presents with the people you love? I know that I sure wouldn’t.

She has put in so much time over the years ensuring that kids will not go without toys.

When asked to do any type of helping with Toys for Tots, I used to moan and sigh, not wanting to leave the confines of my room to quit watching football. Now, I hop to the occasion knowing that what I am doing is helping a great cause: from helping her shop, to sorting, or even hauling toys from place to place.

I would like to personally thank her for all she has done to help me realize what the true meaning of the holiday season is all about.

Nick J. Robinson

## Dingus

**BY TOM KELLEN**



## Though it Evolves, Journalism Remains of Critical Importance

**BY MADISON DANGLER**

In today’s world full of advanced technology, where texting, Facebook, and Twitter are prominent sources of communication, some people wonder if print media, such as newspapers or books, are still an important mode of communication.

Journalism comes in many formats including newspapers, magazines, television, internet services, and photographs. Many people depend on journalism to get facts on daily events which happen in their community, country, or internationally.

The key word here is “facts.” Kevin Henseler, Yankton High School graduate and owner/operator of the *Crofton Journal* in Crofton, Neb., says, “The biggest change I’ve seen deals with blogs and that kind of media. I feel like that form of journalism has lost a certain amount of objectivity. Instead of finding sources to back up a position, if reporters hear it, they put it out there. Even though I never took journalism from Mr. (Richard) Anderson, I know that’s not how he taught his kids—he made certain they were accountable for their information.”

Endless internet sites are available which provide a magnitude of data on any given topic, but one must be cautious about trusting data on unfamiliar sites.

Henseler believes some online writers may find it “supposedly easier to be anonymous,” which can result in facts being misconstrued.

Within hardcopy print media, a protocol has traditionally existed which requires a journalist to back up facts, check sources, and undergo an editorial review in an attempt to present the most accurate, fair, and unbiased report possible.

Good journalists still practice this tradition, and Henseler states, “A lot of good writers and reporters, who learned from Mr. Anderson, are out in journalism.”

Beyond reporting, even in the production process, Henseler notes temptations can present themselves. “I have heard of cases where, say

there’s a place for a good picture, but in its original form, the people are walking off the page. Technology allows for a person to just flip the image, but is that cheating? Is it not telling the truth or bending what was real?”

An appealing aspect of modern-day technology is the ability to acquire information almost immediately after it happens; however, a hazard of this type of communication is that there is greater likelihood that facts may be misconstrued or blatantly wrong. One must use caution in trusting this information and be diligent in checking the source.

Though technology does present some challenges, journalism production has been greatly streamlined by technology’s advancement.

Kathy Larson, *Press & Dakotan* Composing Manager, says, “Over 20 years ago, Compugraphic machines were used where you typed in the information in numerous point sizes, then cut everything apart and waxed everything together for both ads and news copy. Then, everything was waxed to paste on a page how you would see it, then shot to film from which a plate was made to go on the press. Now everything is done on the computer—from designing the ads to laying out the whole newspaper—and sent straight to press.”

Henseler also recalls the Compugraphic machine and explains, “It was huge—5 feet tall. We had it in the middle of a room and had to walk around it.”

Henseler adds, “The production process was so labor intensive, we needed at least four people. Now, I sit at the computer and am able to do everything myself.”

Whether information is conveyed with modern technology or with print media, journalism is an important part of our society. We depend on it in many ways, from keeping up with current trends to understanding world events.

All modes of journalism serve a role in our culture; however, each mode has its strengths and weaknesses.

The format of journalism will continue to change along with the rapid advances in our technology; its importance remains the same.

## Styles Have Meaningful and Historical Roots

**BY MACENZIE CRONIN**

This time of year is the season in which we play with all of the fun textures of winter. Fur, leather, cashmere, and knits are the best way to be comfortable, cozy, and stylish.

The mechanism behind transforming these timeless classics into a modern masterpiece is, of course, the way they are worn. Oversized, peplum, and military are the most popular styles in which the fun colors and textures are being worn this season.

Everyone wants the finer things in life, like a real leather jacket, but doesn’t want to break the bank in doing so. A faux leather or fur jacket is the perfect solution in getting the look inexpensively, yet still portraying the look in its entirety. Faux is an overwhelming trend this season and not just for tops. Boots, scarves and hats are also being made with these synthetic fabrics.

While leather and fur are more fashion forward, cashmere and knits are a more definitive look that rears its head every winter. These fabrics make for a comfy and subtle look sure to please.

One of the hottest looks this season is to pair skinny jeans with an oversized sweater.

Adding a pair of leather or faux leather boots to the outfit completes the seasonal ensemble.

Styles like peplum and military are ones we’ve seen before,



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Macenzie Cronin, Shannon Doyle, and Leslie Alarcon are shown wearing timeless styles such as sweaters and combat boots.

while peplum dates back the furthest.

During the Renaissance era, women were forced to wear corsets that accentuated the bust and hip areas of a woman’s body.

Modern peplum follows this idea while only emphasizing the hip area by flaring fabric at the waist.

Military is also an edgy and chic appearance presented with neutral colors and pops of leather. A military style being widely exerted now is a simple leather stripe down the sleeves of the cargo jackets or skinny jeans.

The comfy ensemble presented above also transforms into a military look simply by replacing the knit sweater with a cashmere shirt.

Putting a cargo jacket over the shirt and replacing the leather boots with a pair of combat boots easily transforms one hot look of the season to another.

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