'Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse': A Fresh Take on a Venerable Hero

"Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" contains a vital element that has been missing from

too many recent superhero movies: fun. This animated reworking of the Spidey mythos is fresh

and exhilarating in a way that very few of its live-action counterparts — including the last couple

of "Spider-Man" chapters — have been. Its **jaunty**, brightly colored **inventiveness** and its

kid-in-the-candy-store appetite for pop culture ephemera give "Into the Spider-Verse" some of

the kick of the first "Lego Movie."

venerable 可敬的

exhilarating 使人愉快的

jaunty 活泼的

inventiveness 创造性

And, as I was saying, a lot of fun. The story is clever and just complicated enough, moving

quickly through silly bits, pausing for moments of heart-tugging sentiment, and losing itself

in wild creative mischief. It is referential (and reverential) enough to Marvel traditions to please

the geek armies, and perfectly accessible to new recruits or part-time warriors.

reverential 可敬的;虔诚的

It finds realism, too. This may be the first "Spider-Man" feature to qualify as a great New

York movie, drawn from the life of the city rather than outdated stereotypes. Streets and

subways, apartments and schoolyards are beautifully and faithfully drawn, as are humans of all

ages, shapes and hues. The people talk fast, the music is loud and sometimes *hectic*, and

everyone is in *motion* all the time. Even the tourists from other universes are sorry to leave.

hectic 兴奋的; 狂热的

motion 动作;运动