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When I am unsure of a director or actor that plays in a movie, I usually go to a site that ranks and comments on it. My visits to these types of sites are not much about contributing common knowledge, but rather about gathering an overall impression of public opinion.

It seems to me that cultural performances, whether spectacle or live – I usually have a tendency to take it more seriously than reading commentaries on books, such as found on amazon.com. My intuition tells me that there is a common theme of life experiences that people are able to relate to in movies. On sites such as Amazon, it is trickier to take anything seriously, not really knowing to which community a reader commentator may belong. Literature readings takes more time, and require an active role of the reader. It also requires an acquired taste and exposure to a subject matter in order to be critical of it. The level of attention and focus required seems to be different from the general schema of movie watching. Both are subjectively opinionated, however, when I am comparing reviews from the general mass, and when I am looking for general characterizations of movies or books, I find movie review sites to be at least more interesting.