

X-Men: First Class charts the epic beginning of the X-Men saga, and reveals a secret history of famous global events. Before mutants had revealed themselves to the world, and before Charles Xavier and Erik Lensherr took the names Professor X and Magneto, they were two young men discovering their powers for the first time. Not archenemies, they were instead at first the closest of friends, working together with other Mutants (some familiar, some new), to stop Armageddon. In the process, a grave rift between them opened, which began the eternal war between Magneto's Brotherhood and Professor X's X-Men. While I've made the utmost effort to ensure there is nothing in this review which qualifies as a spoiler, if you want to know nothing about the movie before it's released across the world over the next few days, you may want to turn away now! As I'm sure many of you remember, I wrote

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