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Vin Diesel returns strong, Kristen Stewart can't cut it without the vamps

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After (embarrassingly) barely beating out Disaster Movie last August for the number 1 spot with Babylon A.D., Vin Diesel had his first bonified hit since 2005's The Pacifier and his first all around action hit since XXX in 2002 perhaps proving that he should stay behind the wheel a little more. Kristen Stewart showed that she should probably stick to crushing on vampires rather than awkward 80's guys as Adventureland failed to strike a chord with her legion of fans. Monsters Vs. Aliens heldover pretty decently in the wake of no other kid's movies, falling around 43% but still having the second largest per screen average (\$8,155) behind Fast & Furious (\$20,950).



[FAST & FURIOUS \[2\] \(\\$72,508,000\)](#)

After a slight downturn with 2006's *The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift* (the only F&F movie not to feature Paul Walker, Vin Diesel or both, outside of a small cameo), the franchise picked back up as if it never went away, amassing an enormous record setting \$72 million opening, besting the 2001's original (\$40 million), 2002's sequel, *2 Fast 2 Furious* (\$50 million) and, of course, 2008's *Tokyo Drift* (\$23 million). Not only that, *Fast & Furious* has already raked in \$10 million more in it's first three days than *Tokyo Drift* brought in during it's entire 84 day run, ultimately taking the crown from *300* (\$70 million) as the largest spring opening ever, the highest April opening ever (over *Anger Managements* 2003 gross of \$42 million) and, of course, easily taking over *Monsters Vs. Aliens* as the highest opening of 2009. That didn't last long, did it?

[ADVENTURELAND \[3\] \(\\$6,010,000\)](#)

This one hurts. Sure, it was an indie movie, but it was an indie movie that was attempting to be the next "it" movie. The decent reviews were there, but it seems that no one can quite market a quirky indie comedy like Fox Searchlight (*Napoleon Dynamite*, *Juno*, *Little Miss Sunshine*). Director Greg Mottola took an 80% nosedive from his 2007 hit *Superbad*, albeit on over 1,000 less screens. This also marked Ryan Reynolds' worst wide opening ever, falling just short of 2005's *Waiting...* (\$6,021,106), if numbers hold.

The full weekend box office ticked in as follows:

TW	LW	Title (click to read review)	Weekend Gross	Total Gross
1	N	Fast & Furious [4]	\$72,508,000	\$72,508,000
2	1	Monsters Vs. Aliens [5]	\$33,510,000	\$105,700,000
3	2	The Haunting in Connecticut [6]	\$9,550,000	\$37,240,000
4	3	Knowing [7]	\$8,130,000	\$58,204,000
5	4	I Love You, Man [8]	\$7,850,000	\$49,287,000
6	N	Adventureland [9]	\$6,010,000	\$6,010,000



7	5	Duplicity [10]	\$4,300,000	\$32,376,000
8	6	Race to Witch Mountain [11]	\$3,351,000	\$58,388,000
9	7	12 Rounds [12]	\$2,300,000	\$9,022,000
10	11	Sunshine Cleaning [13]	\$1,879,000	\$4,775,000

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