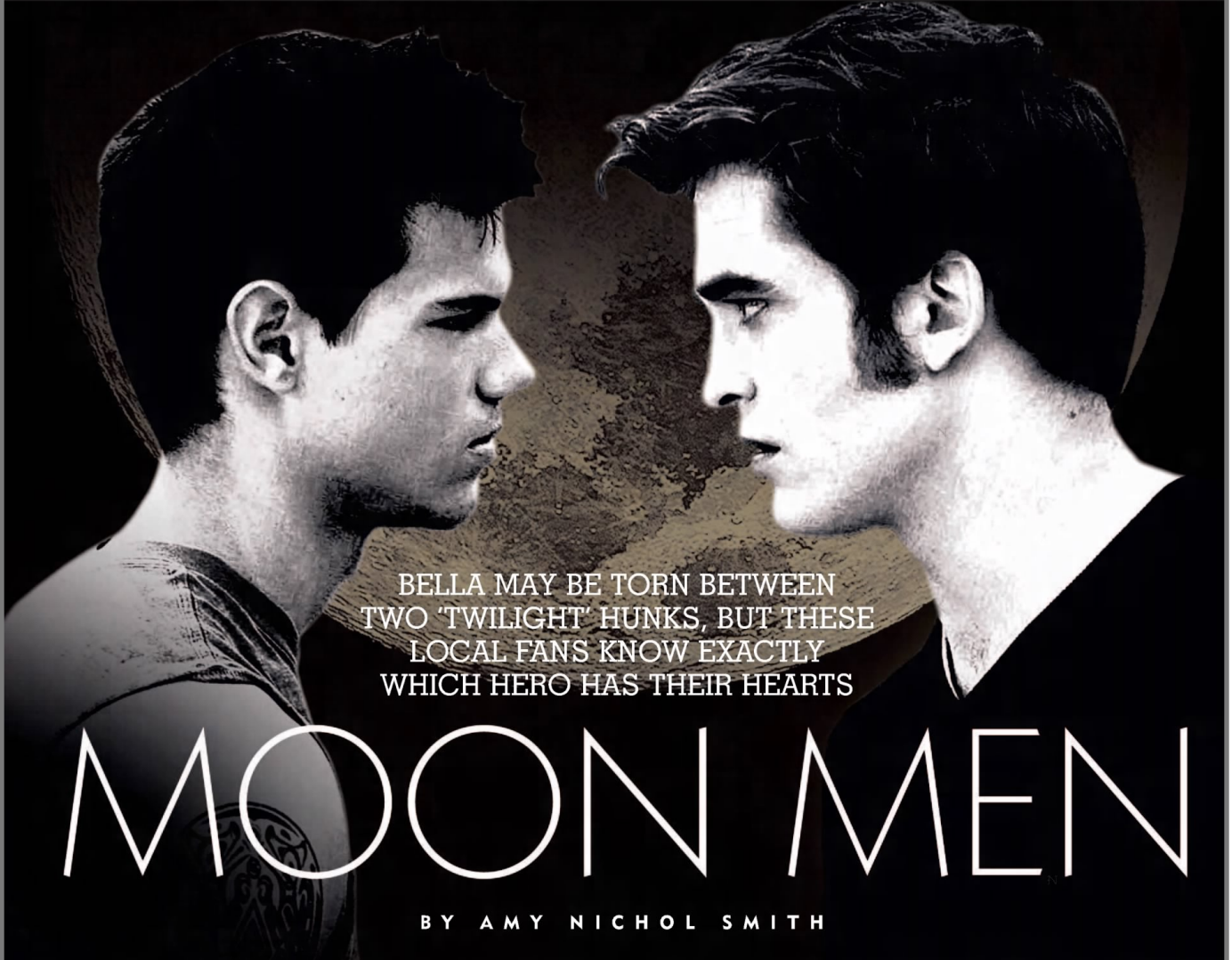


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In the fall of 2009, an electric charge hung in the air at South Texas Cheer and Dance in Mission. Ileana Martinez, a dance instructor at the studio, didn't quite understand the excitement.

Her students and co-workers could talk of nothing but some guy named Edward.

Finally, Ileana gave in to peer pressure and agreed to go see the first movie *Twilight* which was adapted from the Stephanie Meyer series of novels about the epic love between a human teenage

girl (Bella) and a century-old vampire. She was instantly hooked.

"Call me a sucker for love," she said.

The following day, she drove to a bookstore and purchased the first novel.

It didn't take her long to finish it, and she passed the page-turner on to her 10-year-old daughter Maya, who eagerly devoured chapter after chapter.

"We had to buy two copies of *New Moon* because we couldn't share one," Ileana said.

Ten days later, Ileana and Maya were fully obsessed — all four books had been read, and the extra memorabilia was

quickly being accumulated.

But their alliance ends there.

Like most *Twilight* fans, Ileana and Maya have chosen sides — Ileana is "Team Edward" and Maya is "Team Jacob."

Ileana's office at the dance studio is decked out with posters of Edward and Bella, magazine articles and covers with Robert Pattinson, the actor who portrays Edward in the films, that have become collector's items and Ileana has added a half dozen *Twilight*-related T-shirts to her wardrobe.

Maya's bedroom walls are decorated with photos of Taylor Lautner, who acts

as Jacob in the movies. She owns several bits of *Twilight* collector's items from bracelets to blankets. Maya even owns a pillow with the faces of Edward, Bella and Jacob emblazoned on the front. Of course, she ignores the former two and snuggles with the latter.

When mother and daughter prepare for the release of each *Twilight* film, they dress in their favorite literary monster T-shirt and playfully argue about which one, Edward or Jacob, is cuter. When *Festiva* pit them against one another, both had very good reasons for why their guy should prevail.