



*Mean Girls Directed by Mark Waters*  
Reviewed by Zachary



Yes, there is a sequel to Mean Girls, as well as a musical that was later turned into a movie. It's also the adaptation of a book "Queen Bees and Wannabes", written by Rosalind Wiseman. Although, the iconic 2004 movie is the first of the mean series, with nothing prior coming before it.

**Give a summary without spoilers!**

Caddy Heron (pronounced like Katie), has been home schooled in Africa for the vast majority of her life. After moving to Illinois, Caddy befriends Janice, and Damien, two best friends who also happen to be seen as social outcasts and art freaks. After being introduced to a group of girls in the school named "The Plastics", who is seen as the queens of the school, Caddy, Damien, and Janice make a plan on how to take them down and make Regina George: leader of the plastics, pay for the harm she has put onto them as well as the entire school. In the process, Caddy struggles with conformity, friendship, and what it means to be a teenager.

**What drew you to this movie?**

"Mean Girls", features an excellent cast of characters, as well as many funny jokes, due to the script created by Tina Fey. So many of the lines are iconic and greatly celebrated in daily culture, even 21 years later. As well, while Mean Girls presents itself as a teen comedy, at its core is a story about acceptance, friendship, and the dangers of bullying. These are lessons that everyone can gain some value from, no matter how old.

**Did it remind you of something that you've previously watched or read?**

Yes, "Mean Girls" is very emblematic of previous teen comedies. Some examples of these include iconic movies such as, "Bring it On", "13 Going on 30", and "Clueless". As well, it's been the inspiration for many teen comedies since its release, "Booksmart", "Bottoms", and "Easy A", as three notable examples. Mentioned earlier, it was also the starting block for a previous Broadway musical of the same name, which recently had a film adaptation.

**To whom would you recommend this movie?**

I truly recommend "Mean Girls" can be enjoyed by just about everyone. I have shown it to my mother who is 46 and she loved it, laughing throughout and still talking about it even months after. I showed it to my sister when she was in 6th grade, and she too adores it 2 years later. While being called "Mean Girls", guys can also enjoy the movie

too, with many of my friends adoring the movie after being shown it by other family or friends. It is a story that can truly connect with anyone, and with script chock full of jokes, I believe something has to land for everyone. Despite its years since release, "Mean Girls" hardly shows its age. Going through the high school experience or not, the movie remains able to connect with others.

**Overall, did you like it and would you recommend it to others?**

Since watching "Mean Girls" for the first time five years ago, I have recommended it to almost everyone I have met since. One of my favorite movies of all time, and one of I believe to be one of the greatest teen comedies of all time. The endlessly quotable and iconic script not only will have one laughing during its 97 minute runtime, but for many years afterwards.

**Anything else that you would like to add to this review? What made you choose it? Did you like the cover? Was it recommended to you? Did you find it at the library?**

My friends first showed "Mean Girls" to me in 8th grade. They were quoting it and were shocked to see I had never seen it, and hardly had even heard of it. This most recent viewing was for a Film Studies class I take at my school, and it has yet to get old.