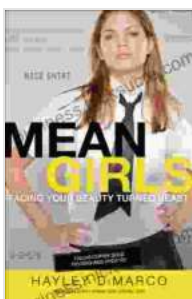


# Mean Girls: Facing Your Beauty Turned Beast

Mean Girls is a 2004 American teen comedy film directed by Mark Waters and written by Tina Fey, from a story by Rosalind Wiseman's 2002 non-fiction book Queen Bees and Wannabes. The film stars Lindsay Lohan, Rachel McAdams, Tim Meadows, Lacey Chabert, Lizzy Caplan, Daniel Franzese, and Amy Poehler. The film follows Cady Heron, a 16-year-old girl who moves from South Africa to Evanston, Illinois, and must navigate the social hierarchy of her new high school. After befriendng a group of popular girls known as "The Plastics," Cady learns about the group's ruthless behavior and begins to question her own values.

The film was a critical and commercial success, grossing over \$130 million worldwide against a production budget of \$17 million. It has since become a cult classic and has been praised for its sharp writing, memorable characters, and insights into teenage life. Mean Girls has also been credited with popularizing the term "fetch" and has been parodied and referenced in numerous other works of popular culture.



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## Plot

Cady Heron (Lindsay Lohan) is a 16-year-old girl who moves from South Africa to Evanston, Illinois, with her parents. She is immediately befriended by two outcasts, Damian Leigh (Daniel Franzese) and Janis Ian (Lizzy Caplan). Damian and Janis warn Cady about the social hierarchy of North Shore High School, which is ruled by a group of popular girls known as "The Plastics." The Plastics are led by Regina George (Rachel McAdams), a beautiful and manipulative girl who is dating the most popular boy in school, Aaron Samuels (Jonathan Bennett). Other members of The Plastics include Gretchen Wieners (Lacey Chabert), a dim-witted but kind-hearted girl, and Karen Smith (Amanda Seyfried), a ditzy and airheaded girl.

Cady initially tries to avoid The Plastics, but she is drawn into their world after Gretchen and Karen invite her to sit with them at lunch. Cady quickly learns about The Plastics' ruthless behavior and begins to question her own values. She also develops a crush on Aaron, which puts her in conflict with Regina.

Cady eventually decides to take down The Plastics. She does this by befriending Janis and Damian and using their inside knowledge to expose The Plastics' secrets. Cady also starts a rumor that Regina is a lesbian, which causes Regina to lose her popularity. In the end, The Plastics are broken up and Cady finds a new group of friends.

## Characters

- **Cady Heron (Lindsay Lohan):** A 16-year-old girl who moves from South Africa to Evanston, Illinois, with her parents. She is immediately befriended by two outcasts, Damian Leigh and Janis Ian. Damian and Janis warn Cady about the social hierarchy of North Shore High School, which is ruled by a group of popular girls known as "The Plastics." The Plastics are led by Regina George, a beautiful and manipulative girl who is dating the most popular boy in school, Aaron Samuels. Other members of The Plastics include Gretchen Wieners, a dim-witted but kind-hearted girl, and Karen Smith, a ditzy and airheaded girl.
- **Regina George (Rachel McAdams):** A beautiful and manipulative girl who is the leader of The Plastics. She is dating the most popular boy in school, Aaron Samuels. Regina is ruthless and will do anything to maintain her popularity.
- **Gretchen Wieners (Lacey Chabert):** A dim-witted but kind-hearted girl who is a member of The Plastics. Gretchen is often the target of Regina's jokes, but she remains loyal to her friends.
- **Karen Smith (Amanda Seyfried):** A ditzy and airheaded girl who is a member of The Plastics. Karen is often clueless about what is going on around her, but she is always loyal to her friends.
- **Damian Leigh (Daniel Franzese):** An outcast who is friends with Cady and Janis. Damian is witty and sarcastic, and he often provides Cady with insights into the social hierarchy of North Shore High School.
- **Janis Ian (Lizzy Caplan):** An outcast who is friends with Cady and Damian. Janis is cynical and pessimistic, but she is also fiercely loyal to her friends.

- **Aaron Samuels (Jonathan Bennett):** The most popular boy in school. Aaron is dating Regina George, but he is also attracted to Cady.

## Themes

Mean Girls explores a number of themes, including the importance of friendship, the dangers of popularity, and the challenges of adolescence. The film shows how The Plastics' ruthless behavior can damage the lives of others, and it also shows how Cady's friendships with Damian and Janis help her to grow and mature. Mean Girls is ultimately a positive film that celebrates the power of friendship and the importance of being yourself.

## Legacy

Mean Girls has become a cult classic since its release in 2004. The film has been praised for its sharp writing, memorable characters, and insights into teenage life. Mean Girls has also been credited with popularizing the term "fetch" and has been parodied and referenced in numerous other works of popular culture. The film's success has led to the development of a number of spin-offs, including a Broadway musical and a television series.

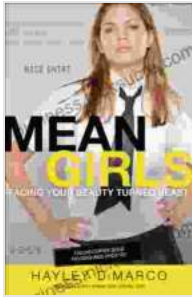
Mean Girls is a funny, clever, and insightful film that explores the challenges of adolescence. The film's characters are relatable and well-developed, and the film's themes are relevant to teenagers and adults alike. Mean Girls is a must-see for fans of teen comedies and anyone who enjoys a good laugh.

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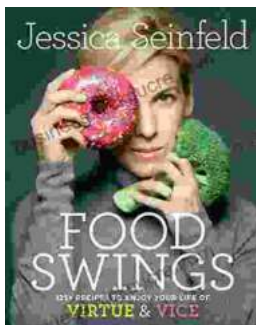
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