**Mean Girls**

Released April 2004 it was budgeted at $17 million and grossed over $86 million at the US domestic box office, and was ranked #1 at the box office.

**Other notable films that year:** The Incredibles, Shrek 2, Harry Potter (Azkaban), Passion of the Christ, Ocean’s Twelve (year of the sequels!), 50 First Dates, Eternal Sunshine, Kill Bill Vol. 2, Shaun of the Dead, Fahrenheit 9/11, The Notebook, Anchorman, Bourne Supremacy, Saw, Team America, Million Dollar Baby ,

**Awards for the film:** Lindsay Lohan won a bunch of ‘breakout star’ or actress awards from youth-oriented galas such as Teen Choice and MTV.

**Awards for that year:** Million Dollar Baby, Jamie Foxx for Ray, Hilary Swank for Million Dollar Baby.

**Quick Thoughts**

Lindsay Lohan is not good.

Lacey Chabert however is GREAT!!

The film is aimed at teenagers, so I can understand the “message” should be pretty blunt of not treating your friends and other women like crap. However, it’s simplistic in the group session to say that talking behind peoples’ backs is bad in general.

**Events**

**2003 – you can copy those for School of rock ;)**

**2004**

* [February 3](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/February_3) – The [CIA](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/CIA) admits that there was no imminent threat from [weapons of mass destruction](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Weapons_of_mass_destruction) before the [2003 invasion of Iraq](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/2003_invasion_of_Iraq).
* [February 12](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/February_12) – [Same sex marriage in the United States](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Same_sex_marriage_in_the_United_States): The [City and County of San Francisco](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Francisco%2C_California) begins [issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Francisco_2004_same-sex_weddings)as an act of [civil disobedience](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Civil_disobedience).
* [April 28](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/April_28) – [Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abu_Ghraib_prisoner_abuse)is revealed on the television show [*60 Minutes II*](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/60_Minutes_II).
* [May 6](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/May_6) – The final episode of *Friends*airs on [NBC](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/NBC), drawing an estimated 66 million viewers in [North America](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_America). Advertisers pay $2 million for 30 second ads.
* [May 17](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/May_17) – [Massachusetts](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Massachusetts) legalizes [same-sex marriage](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Same-sex_marriage_in_the_United_States) in compliance with a ruling from the state's [Supreme Court](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Massachusetts_Supreme_Judicial_Court)ruling in the case of *[Goodridge v. Department of Public Health](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goodridge_v._Department_of_Public_Health%22%20%5Co%20%22Goodridge%20v.%20Department%20of%20Public%20Health%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)*.
* [June 5](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/June_5) – [Ronald Reagan](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ronald_Reagan), the 40th [President of the United States](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/President_of_the_United_States), [dies at his home](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Death_and_state_funeral_of_Ronald_Reagan) in [Bel-Air](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bel-Air%2C_Los_Angeles%2C_California), [California](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/California) at the age of 93. A six-day [state funeral](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_funeral) follows after his death
* [July 25](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/July_25) – [Lance Armstrong](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lance_Armstrong) wins a record 6th consecutive [Tour de France](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tour_de_France)cycling title
* [October 27](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/October_27) – The [Boston Red Sox](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_Red_Sox)win the [World Series](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/2004_World_Series) for the first time since [1918](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/1918_World_Series), breaking the [Curse of the Bambino](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Curse_of_the_Bambino).
* [November 2](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/November_2)
	+ The United States re-elects [George W. Bush](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_W._Bush) of the [Republican Party](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republican_Party_%28United_States%29) to a second term as [President of the United States](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/President_of_the_United_States), defeating [John Kerry](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Kerry).

**IMDb**

In the scene where Cady was asked if her "muffin was buttered," the line was originally going to be, "Is your cherry popped?" The same went for the girl who "made out with a hot dog;" this was going to be "masturbated with a hot dog." These were omitted in order for the film to gain a PG 13+ rating instead of an R.

Initially, [Lindsay Lohan](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0517820) was cast as Regina, but she decided to play the "nice girl" (Cady Heron) so the public would not base her real personality on Regina's. [Rachel McAdams](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm1046097) was chosen to play "mean girl" Regina George because "only nice girls can play mean girls," according to the producer.

[Amy Poehler](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0688132), who plays Mrs. George, is only seven years older than her on-screen daughter, [Rachel McAdams](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm1046097) (Regina George).

The scene in which Cady walks in on Jason and Gretchen kissing at her party is much different in the first draft of the script. Originally, she walks in on Gretchen performing oral sex on Jason (no nudity, nothing graphic), but this was subsequently cut from the final print in order to achieve a PG-13 rating.

[Tina Fey](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0275486) envisioned backgrounds for all of the characters. If any of the actors had questions about their characters, she could fill in the blanks for them.

This was the feature film screenwriting debut for [Tina Fey](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0275486).

[Lacey Chabert](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000327) was the first and only choice for the role of Gretchen Wieners.

This was the first film [Amanda Seyfried](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm1086543), who played Karen Smith, appeared in.

[Amanda Seyfried](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm1086543), who played Karen in the film, was initially supposed to play Cady, but producer [Lorne Michaels](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0584427) thought she would be better as the "dumb girl."

In the book upon which the movie is based, the most popular girl in a school is given the title "Queen Bee." In the movie, the character who fits that description is named "Regina," which means "queen" in Latin.

[Scarlett Johansson](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0424060) tested for the role of Karen Smith.

On August 13, 2013, the White House tweeted a photo of the Obamas' dog, Bo, holding a tennis ball in his mouth with the caption "Bo, stop trying to make fetch happen." This was a play both on a line from [Mean Girls](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0377092) (2004) and on one of the more usual meanings of the word "fetch."

When [Tina Fey](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0275486) planned to adapt "Queen Bees and Wannabes" into a film, she did not realize it was a guidebook with no fictional narrative. She feared she had backed herself into a corner after finalizing the deal with Paramount.

This movie nearly earned an R rating for explicit, risqué gags and jokes, which were subsequently cut.

To film one of the scenes, [Amy Poehler](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0688132) (Mrs. George) pinned a piece of cocktail wiener into her bra to encourage the chihuahua dog to nibble there.

In 2013, [Tina Fey](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0275486) stated that she and husband [Jeff Richmond](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0962378) had been working on a "Mean Girl" stage production. As of 2016, Fey confirmed that the musical is set to debut for the fifteenth anniversary of the film in 2019.

Tina Fey, who wrote the screenplay for this movie and also starred as Ms. Norbury, was a real-life "mean girl" in high school.

The movie is based on a real high school, New Trier, which is located in Winnetka, Illinois, in Chicago's North Shore. The school serves a large area of affluent students from five different townships and villages. New Trier, despite the portrayal of mean girl cliques, is actually noted as one of the best high schools in the United States.