

Watchmen: Review
WARNING! CONTAINS SPOILERS

Rating: R for Strong Graphic Violence, Sexuality, Nudity, and Language
*** Rating:4 out of 5

Out of the many movies based on comic books, there are few that stay close to their source material. Films like: The Crow, Sin City, and to a lesser extent Iron Man stayed true to their source material by containing parts where its true to the book, or is similar to the book. In the case of Watchmen, it gives the film so much panel-to-panel detail, that its like watching a comic. Granted that Watchmen is a movie with superheroes, there is a great deal of things that will have kids asking mommy and daddy for the answers to questions that they aren't supposed to ask, if you know what I mean. At the opening of the film, all hopes of Watchmen being a family film are shattered when it shows one of the characters, called The Comedian (Jeffery Dean Morgan), punched, kicked, thrown across a room, slammed into a glass table MMA style, and then finally hurled out of a window. If that family still thinks that this still something that their Spider-Man loving kids can still see, then the opening montage to a classic Bob Dylan song will definitely change their minds. After the parents have sent their kids to bed, the film continues by showing another character, Rorschach (Jackie Earle Haley), start to investigate The Comedian's death. Rorschach comes to the conclusion that this is all part of a plot to kill and discredit all superheroes. This theory seems to be correct when an assassin tries to kill Adrian Veidt and the glowing, nude {you read correctly} Dr. Manhattan is exiled to Mars. Rorschach then goes on to find out who the culprit really is. What he does find out is more sinister and deadly than he could ever have imagined. If anyone really HAS read the book, then they'll have found out SOME missing things, such as: The Tales of the Black Freighter, "The Big Squid", and other things. The movie, like the book, also has an INCREDIBLY big amount of violence, such as scenes in Rorschach's childhood, where someone insults his mother and bites the kid's cheek off, and where he breaks people's fingers as an interrogation process, and also when a man takes a meat cleaver to the head repeatedly. I'd go on, but there's not enough room. Other than the violence and scenes of "Intimacy", it's overall a good movie, with good acting, good action for the action movie people, and yes, romance between Laurie (Malin Akerman) and Dan, Rorschach's partner and best friend (Patrick Wilson). It even something for the pet lover when it shows Veidt's mutated dog thingy. The best scene in the entire movie overall is when Rorschach gives his speech to Dr.Manhattan before Manhattan disintegrates him (I said there'd be spoilers!) So, yes, Watchmen is a good movie, yet it does have its downsides. I can't find any right now. But you tell me: "Who Watches The Watchmen?"

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