

Film Review: Pitch Perfect

Pitch Perfect is a 2012 musical comedy, ¹d_____ by Jason Moore and ²s_____ Anna Kendrick and Rebel Wilson. The film is an ³a_____ of a non-fiction book by Mickey Rapkin. It was ⁴a_____ MTV Movie Awards for Wilson's performance and for best musical moment.

The ⁵p_____ focuses on Beca Mitchell, a college student who would like to be a music producer. At university she meets Barden Bellas, an all-girl *a capella* group, who want Beca to sing with them and help them win the national singing competition. At first Beca doesn't want to join the group. ⁶E_____, she agrees and it all begins ...

Anna Kendrick gives a superb ⁷p_____ as a rather shy but rebellious student, and the rest of the actresses are really convincing playing the Bellas. The ⁸s_____ is cleverly written and extremely engaging. The plot is a bit predictable but it's still a pleasure to watch. And, of course, the soundtrack is brilliant! The film was so popular that it has now two ⁹s_____ : *Pitch Perfect 2* (2015) and *Pitch Perfect 3*, which came out in 2017.

The word that best ¹⁰d_____ this movie is *fun*. It is both amusing and very inspiring to those who dream of performing. In my view, it is ¹¹s_____ for teenagers and adults alike, and I believe that everyone will find something interesting in the *Pitch Perfect* series.



6 Complete the review of the film *Pitch Perfect* with words and phrases from the WRITING FOCUS.

7 SPEAKING Discuss the questions.

- 1 Have you seen *Blade Runner 2049* or *Pitch Perfect*? If so, do you agree with the opinions in the reviews?
- 2 If you haven't seen these films, would you like to? Why/Why not?

8 Complete the LANGUAGE FOCUS with the underlined adjectives in the reviews in Exercise 3 and Exercise 6.

LANGUAGE FOCUS

Adjectives to describe films, plots, screenplays etc.

We use:

- ¹superb, ²_____ and ³_____ to mean fantastic, wonderful.
- *engaging* to mean something pleasant that makes you interested, curious.
- *amusing* to mean funny.
- ⁴_____ to mean something that makes you excited and makes you want to do something important.
- *convincing* to mean something which makes you believe something is true or right.
- *predictable* to mean something not surprising, something you expected to happen.

9 Complete the sentences with the correct adjectives from the LANGUAGE FOCUS. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

- 1 The story of that film was really _____ – it held my attention for over two hours non-stop.
- 2 I love musicals, and I think the soundtrack from *The Phantom of the Opera* was simply _____.
- 3 We prefer films which are _____ – which make people get up from the sofa and go change the world.
- 4 I don't think the actor playing Jesse was very _____ – he's in his 30s and he played the role of a teenager.
- 5 Did you also think that film was _____? Everybody in the cinema laughed and I couldn't understand why.
- 6 That thriller was really _____ – we knew who the killer was after just fifteen minutes!

10 SPEAKING Discuss the questions with a partner.

- 1 Have you ever seen a truly horrible film?
- 2 What's the most brilliant film soundtrack you can think of?
- 3 Have you ever seen a really inspiring film? Why was it inspiring?
- 4 When you go to the cinema, does the film have to be amusing?

SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

11 Do the writing task. Use the ideas in the WRITING FOCUS and the LANGUAGE FOCUS to help you.

Think of a film you've seen recently and write a review for an online teen magazine. Include the following information:

- background information on the film
- the plot and main characters
- your opinion
- a summary of your opinion and recommendation.

A few days ago I saw the latest film directed by ...