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## **CRAZY RICH ASIANS - An EXPERTLY CRAFTED MELODRAMA Along CINDERELLA lines**

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### **THE STORY**

In 1995, Eleanor Young (Michelle Yeoh), her Son, Sister in Law, and Niece arrive at a London Hotel with a Reservation, only to be told Condescendingly by the Receptionists that the Room she booked is not Available. Eleanor and Family are turned away by the Concierge of the Hotel and she is forced to call her Husband using a Public Telephone. When she returns to the Hotel, the Owner warmly greets her at the Lobby and introduces her to the Staff as the New Owner of the Hotel.

In the Present, Rachel Chu (Constance Wu), an Economics Professor, accepts an Invitation from her Boyfriend Nick Young (Henry Golding) to accompany him to Singapore for his Best Friend Colin Khoo (Chris Pang) 's Wedding. Nick's Mother Eleanor (Michelle Yeoh) learns of the Relationship from Rapid Online Gossip. Rachel is shocked when Nick arranges a First Class Suite for the Flight ; he claims that his Family is "Comfortable"... After Rachel vents to Nick about Her Unpleasantries at the Bachelorette Party, he apologizes to her for concealing his Wealth and takes her to make Dumplings by Hand with his Family. Rachel admires Eleanor's Distinctive Engagement Ring ; Eleanor tells her how she met her Husband and the Sacrifices she made to be a Part of the Family...

### **OUR REVIEW**

Much has been written about the Film's Historic Significance. This is the First Hollywood Studio Movie to feature an Asian-American Cast since The Joy Luck Club was released a Quarter-Of-A-Century ago. It scored Unprecedented Success at the US Box Office, and there is already a Sequel in Development for this Winning Adaptation of Kevin Kwan's 2013 Bestseller. "Crazy Rich Asians" revisits Jane Austen's Timeless Universal Truth about a Man in Possession of a Fortune being in want of a Wife. A Chinese-American Academic discovers her Boyfriend belongs to a Fabulously Wealthy Dynasty, they have Very Large Amounts of Money but remain Entirely Rational. The Title means Crazily or Extremely Rich.

Crazy Rich Asians isn't Big on Subtlety and wants to overturn just One Cliche : that Rich People are Bad. But, with a Mostly All-Asian Cast, it's a Corrective to the Hollywood Racism that decrees Asian Characters can only be shown Fleetingly, if at all, and then mostly in Subservient Roles. The Film features a Predominantly Asian and Asian-American Cast, starring Chinese and Chinese-American Actors alongside Performers from Malaysia, the Philippines, Japan, and beyond. Very Pleasant Entertainment !

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