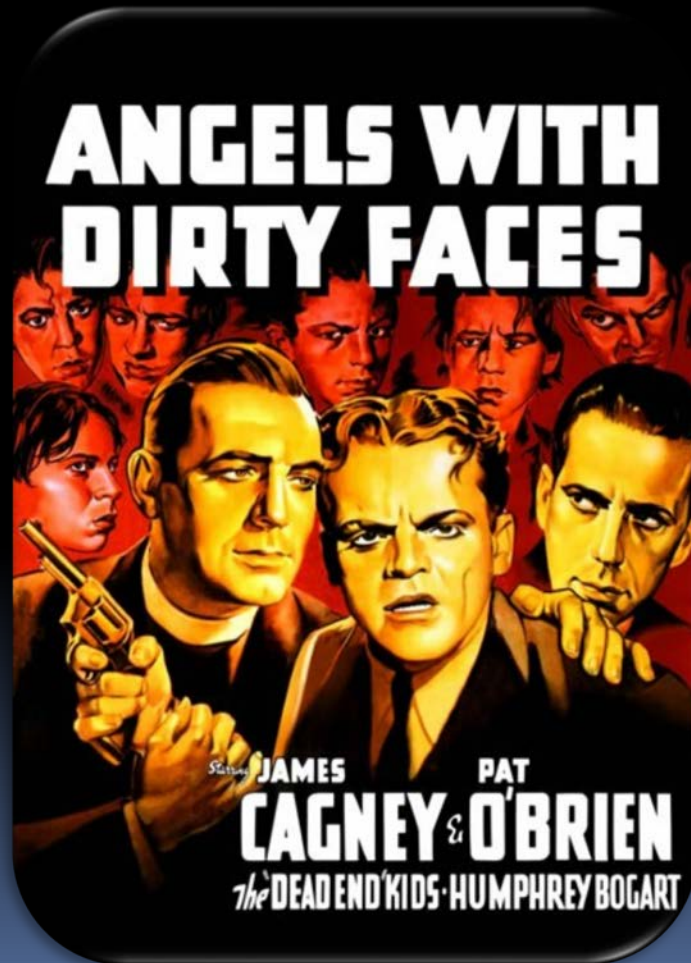


Angels With Dirty Faces (1938): An Introduction



The Story

What happens when boyhood friends....

...grow up to lead very different lives?



And what happens when other people's lives are at stake?



The Actors

James Cagney gives a classic performance as the gangster William "Rocky" Sullivan.

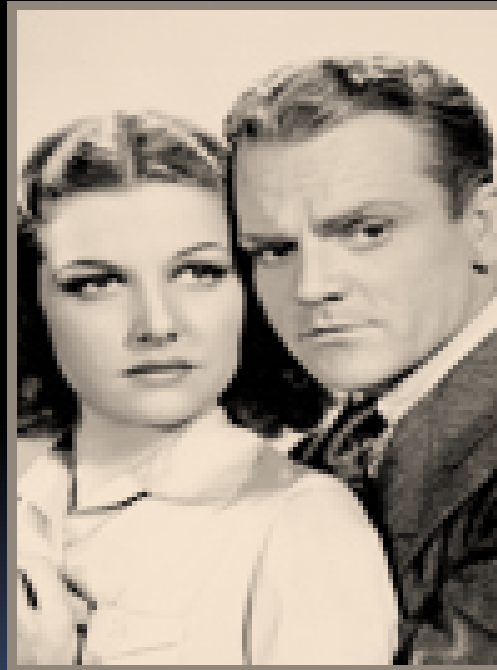
His real-life friend Pat O'Brien matches him every step as Fr. Jerry Connelly.



Conflict: How can we get rid of youth gangs when kids are determined to admire bad guys?



...And can relationships—old and new—survive the gangster lifestyle?

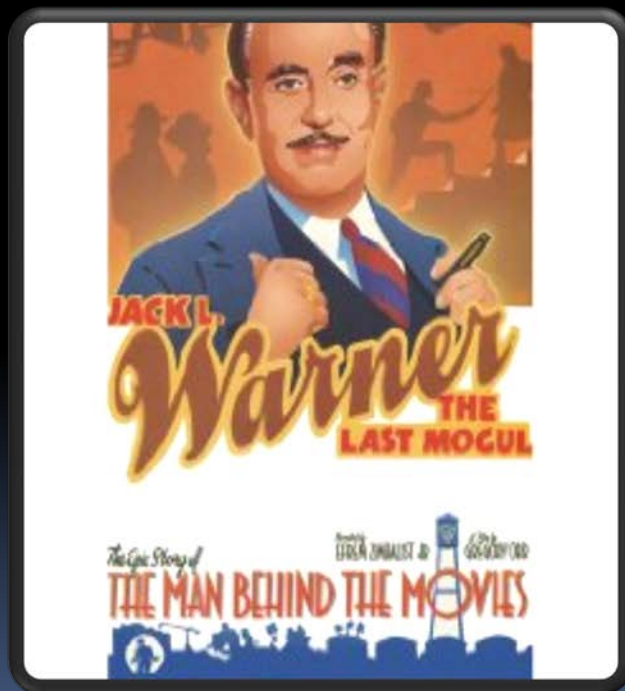


TECHNOLOGY: The director, Michael Cortiz, keeps the action moving.



Background

Studio chief Jack Warner believed in making movies with a message.



Gangster films like Little Caesar (1931) gave him that opportunity.



Cagney's performance is perfect: an iconic actor's best role.



The climax is very famous...and unexpected...



Angels With Dirty Faces, the first film in our story focus, next.

