

# Angels With Dirty Faces (1938): Recap



# Conflict

Can a friendship between two people as different as these guys survive?



What can be done to save kids from youth gangs?



# Conflict: Nature vs. Nurture

Is Rocky born bad?



Or does the system make him bad?



# Cagney's Performance

Rocky can be very charming...

...or very intimidating.



# O'Brien as the "saint"

As Father Jerry, Pat O'Brien is very kind...



...but also realistic; he pulls no punches.



# In support

Ann Sheridan hits all the right notes as Laurie.



The Dead End kids did well enough to start their own franchise.



And Bogart was only a few films away from being a huge star himself.



# Climax

The end of the film, Rocky's execution...

...is very famous.





# Cagney was often asked:

“Did Rocky really die yellow?”

“I dunno,” he’d say. “It was in the script.”



# The Effects

The gunfights in the film utilized sharpshooters using real bullets.



Cagney was almost killed, and got the director to change things.



# Other Elements

## Set Design



## Use Of Montage



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- Shorter time to execution

# The Story: Still Relevant

With a few updates....

...they could make this film today.



My choice for the new Rocky:



Message: Crime doesn't pay.



# A Good Story Lives Forever

