

KIDS FIRST! Film Critics Discussion Guide for *Furry Vengeance*

Furry Vengeance. A live action family comedy in which an ambitious young real estate developer, Dan Sanders, faces off with a band of angry animals when his new housing subdivision pushes too far into a pristine part of the wilderness. Led by an incredibly clever raccoon, the animals stymie the development and teach our hero about the environmental consequences of man's encroachment on nature.

The story offers many talking points that a parent, teacher, or other adult can discuss with their child after viewing that will enhance their film experience. We encourage you to “view and review” the film together with your 5 to 12-year-old child – the ideal audience age – and then post your review on your social media site so that you can share it with others during our first annual KIDS FIRST! Film Critics’ Campaign.

1. A real estate developer named Dan Sanders (Brendan Fraser) is given the task to turning a forest into a housing development by his boss Neal Lyman (Ken Jeong).
 - Brendan Fraser's gift for comedy is exploited here, in a positive way. What do you like or not like most about this film?
2. There's a pretty clear underlying theme about corporate hypocrisy in this film. Dan's wife, Tammy (Brooke Shields) is planning a Forest Festival and Lyman's company decides to sponsor it. Dan realizes that Lyman and his company are not eco-friendly and are only driven by profit.
 - What happens when the Sanders family discovers that Lyman's plans will ruin the forest and destroy the animals? Do you think their actions are justified and, if so, why? Do you think there is a bit of bias shown in stereotyping the land developers? If so, in what way?
3. There is a lot of comedy here - designed to keep kids and their parents laughing.
 - What was the funniest scene in the movie?
4. The underlying theme of the film is an eco-friendly message that destroying forests to build more houses is not something we want to support. The forest animals orchestrate a military-type assault on Dan - with skunks spraying him, a bear locking him in a portable outhouse, and more. These scenes are a bit over the top. But, with CGI animation, anything goes, right?
 - Aside from the silliness, what did you learn about animals' needs? What animals did you see living in the forest and how would moving them create difficulties?
5. *Furry Vengeance* is rated PG for rude humor, mild language and some smoking.
 - Do you think this was a fair rating? Can you describe the rationale behind it?