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## American Drama Film GIFTED (MARY for the French Version)

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Directed by : Marc Webb

Produced by : Karen Lunder, Andy Cohen

Written by : Tom Flynn

Starring : Chris Evans, Mckenna Grace, Lindsay Duncan, Jenny Slate and Octavia Spencer

Distributed by : Fox Searchlight Pictures

Running time : 101 minutes

Release Dates : April 7, 2017 (United States), September 13, 2017 (France)

### THE STORY

In a small Town near Tampa, seven-year-old Mary Adler (Mckenna Grace) shows remarkable Mathematical Talent on her first day of First Grade, which impresses her Teacher, Bonnie Stevenson (Jenny Slate ). Mary is offered a Scholarship to a Private School for Gifted Children. However, her Uncle Frank Adler and de facto Guardian (Chris Evans ), turns it down. Based on his Family's Experiences with Similar Schools, he fears Mary will not have a chance at a 'normal' Childhood. Still, he talks to the Precocious Mary like she's an Adult and she talks back like one.

When Frank's Mother, Evelyn Adler (Lindsay Duncan), with whom he has long been estranged, suddenly shows up out of the blue, she takes Frank to court to fight for Custody of the little girl she recognizes as another Prodigy. Meanwhile, Frank's Neighbor Roberta Taylor (Octavia Spencer), who serves as a Mother Figure to Mary, watches with concern from the sidelines....

### OUR REVIEW :

This is the Story of Motherless Urchin Mary who, because she's so Smart and has a Ruthless Maternal Granny, Evelyn, gets separated from her beloved Uncle Frank, her soft-hearted Neighbour Roberta Taylor and a one-eyed cat Fred. So they live a Simple Life in Florida where Frank fixes Boat Engines ; the grime under his nails (and the beer he swigs) suggesting that he's firmly rooted in the Working Class...

The Film handles the Blend of Comedy and Drama effectively. The gifted Young Actress playing Mary, who has already amassed a lengthy list of Film and Television Credits, delivers a Superb Performance here that bodes well for her future. All of the performances are terrific. The film's Melodramatic Beats are predictable but are hit with Absolute Precision... There's enough Believable Chemistry between Chris Evans and Mckenna Grace for it all to work.

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