

**Film Title and Release Date: *Alfie* (1966)**  
**Film Length in Minutes: 106 Minutes**  
**Film Genre: Romance**

**Reviewer Name and Grade: Yaseen V., 10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

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*Alfie* is a British romantic comedy-drama that was made in 1966. It is an adaptation of a book by the same title by author Bill Naughton. The film centers on Alfie Elkins, a handsome man who entertains himself by entangling with multiple women. When his submissive girlfriend Gilda becomes pregnant and later gives birth, Alfie becomes attached to his son, Malcolm. However, Gilda soon leaves Alfie to marry a kind bus conductor named Humphrey, and Alfie must deal with watching him take over the father role for Malcolm. Throughout the film, we see how Alfie does not learn his lesson, and instead navigates a tumultuous love life with women named Ruby, Lily, and Annie. When Lily too becomes pregnant, they decide to have an abortion. During the stressful procedure, Alfie looks out the window and sees his son Malcolm outside a church. There, Gilda and Humphrey's new daughter is being baptized. Seeing the contrast of them together as a family and the abortion devastates Alfie who vows to settle down. However, after finding out the women he had been entangled with before have now lost interest in him, Alfie is left alone to deal with the consequences of his actions.

*How did you find the film on Kanopy (by title search, subject search, casual browsing, etc.)?*

I found this film on Kanopy by casually browsing.

*Did the plot (for fictional movie) keep you interested?*

Yes, I found the plot to be entertaining because we see how Alfie is carefree and reckless in his life and how this ultimately leads to his downfall.

*Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right?*

I believe the pace of this film was just right because we were able to see how Alfie progressed in his character arc and how she shifted between multiple women throughout the movie.

*What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?*

I think this film is appropriate for grades nine through twelve because there are scenes that deal with adultery, abortion, and other mature content that might not be suitable for a smaller audience.

*4 stars: I enjoyed this film and found it worthwhile to watch*

Overall, *Alfie* was an entertaining movie that shows how the consequences of your actions can come back to haunt you. Alfie spent much of the movie enjoying multiple women. However, he ends up alone at the end of the movie, with him asking the audience, "What's it all about? You know what I mean."