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Despicable Me 2 is 2-times fun

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Steve Carell's Gru stopped doing evil to build peaceful life with his three adopted daughters.



CAPTION

The *Minions* who stole hearts and the show in the 2010 comedy hit *Despicable Me* are back, along with *Gru* voiced by Hollywood funny man Steve Carell.

In this new twist, *Gru* is a reformed villain who has turned over a new leaf to become a father to his three adopted daughters.

But he finds his old life creeping back when *Lucy Wilde* (Kristen Wiig), an Anti-Villain League agent, comes knocking on his door to seek his help with nabbing a new super-villain.

Although *Gru* initially refuses, he eventually caves in when his partner-in-crime *Dr Nefario* (Russell Brand) admits that he misses being "evil", and ditches *Gru* to work for someone else.

While the first film offered a refreshing premise of *Gru's* criminal escapades, the sequel is mostly predictable with few surprises.

It was certainly expected when *Gru* eventually falls for the vivacious *Lucy*, with romance blossoming as they work together to figure out who the bad guy is.

But *Despicable Me 2* is not about the unanticipated; it is about having fun, and the *Minions* are definitely a joy to watch.

These yellow capsule cuties make the best parts of the show with their silly antics that will make you chuckle in delight even when they're just milling about doing nothing.

Continuing to charm is *Agnes*, the youngest of the three children adopted by *Gru*, whose famous phrase "It's so fluffy I'm gonna die!" made her an instant favourite in the first film.

With her adorable innocence, the six-year-old continues to capture hearts and deliver more delightful one-liners.

Despite lacking originality, *Despicable Me 2* will appeal to kids and adults alike with reliable humour that guarantees a good time at the cinema.

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