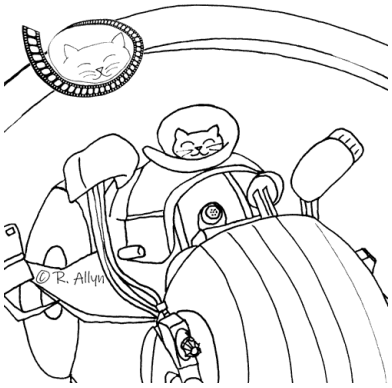
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Transcript

Cats on Film Pod Episode 19
The Dark Knight Rises (2012)



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RAY
Hi everybody! Welcome to *Cats on Film Pod*. I'm your host, Ray Ilyn, here with my co-host, Skipper.

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RAY
Thanks for joining us every Tuesday as we review cats in film. There will be spoilers.

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Today, we're talking about *The Dark Knight Rises,* which came out in 2012, 20 years after Michelle Pfeiffer played Catwoman in *Batman Returns*. This is our third review of a Catwoman so far.

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RAY
Yeah, this character isn't called Catwoman, but she does have the correct government name – Selina Kyle. She's played by Anne Hathaway, who is white, as most Catwomen are. She's referred to as "The Cat" burglar, but the only place the word "Catwoman" appears in the movie

is in the closed captioning. She isn't really supervillain-y, just a thief who dresses in tight black clothes. No falling into vats to gain a super power in this movie.

CLIP FROM *THE DARK KNIGHT RISES*
SELINA
Cat got your tongue?

RAY
That line is a real bummer, even if it does harken back to the corniness of previous Batman productions. And there's not much felineness at all – no claws, no tail – nothin'. Not even the whip that a lot of previous Catwomen have used.

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RAY
But those are just goggles that resemble cat ears when they're pushed back.

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RAY
Oh, yes – the cat ears headband at the charity ball. Just a single, basic accessory; the only thing close to a feline trait she shows.

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RAY
Hmmm, yeah – independence–

Selina's focused on individualism and self-reliance, but she will stick up for people that she personally likes. She wants to disappear from society – have a clean slate for more freedom than society's rules will allow a known thief.

All the main characters insist on living by their own rules. Batman wants to force people to live by *his* notions of justice. Gordon breaks laws in order to uphold so-called "law and order". And Bane & Talia literally want to blow it all up. None of these zealots care to let the people of Gotham reform their own society via self-governance.

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Of course I'm going on about the humans – There are literally no cats. Do you have anything else to say about Catwoman?

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RAY
Alright—then we're left with the rating. How many paws do you give for feline representation in *The Dark Knight Rises?*

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RAY
You're right – no paws for *The Dark Knight Rises.* Can't review something that's not there.

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RAY
I couldn't agree more.

OUTRO JINGLE

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