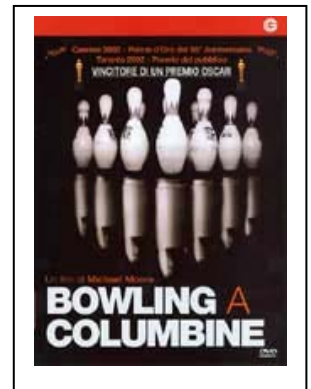


📌 **ABOUT THE MOVIE** 📌 (subtitled version)

TITLE	Bowling for Columbine
DIRECTOR	Michael Moore
YEAR AND COUNTRY	2002 U.S.A.
GENRE	Social-Political Documentary
ACTORS	Michael Moore, Charlton Heston, Marilyn Manson, George W. Bush, Dick Clark, ordinary citizens from various countries



PLOT

This film is probably best understood as a documentary using “on the edge journalism”, meaning that Michael Moore in his editing of scenes, interviews and chronological ordering of events stretches journalistic limits to make his point.

The U.S.A. is notorious for the number of its citizens killed by firearms in a developed country without a civil war. Michael Moore sets out to investigate the reasons and in doing so discovers that the conventional answers, such as easy availability of guns, violent national history, violent entertainment and even poverty are inadequate to explain this violence when other cultures share the same factors without the equivalent consequences. Why?

In order to arrive at a possible explanation, Moore examines America’s general culture of fear, bigotry and violence in a nation of diffuse gun ownership. Furthermore he investigates the relationship between gun culture and corporate interests.

The film won an Oscar in 2003 for Best Documentary Feature.

LANGUAGE

For most of the film the language used is very understandable standard English.

VOCABULARY

N.R.A.: National Rifle Association	Pulled a gun on him: a gun was pointed at someone
Shin: the front part of you leg below your knee	Janitor: one who cleans and maintains a building
Bullet: a rounded piece of metal fired from a gun	Wackos: people who behave in a crazy manner
White-collar: work done in an office	Behoves us: it is necessary or important for us ...
Fundraiser: organized activity for raising funds	You’re shitting me: you must be kidding, you can’t be serious
Rip off: cheat, defraud, steal	Sucks being a teenager: being a teenager is not a good experience
Patch you through: connect you through communication links	Fag: homosexual
Fuck up: to act foolishly or stupidly	Crappy: markedly inferior in quality