

# Movies & Languages 2018-2019

## *Three Billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri*

**About the movie** (subtitled version)

<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Martin McDonagh
<b>YEAR/COUNTRY</b>	2017 / USA, UK
<b>GENRE</b>	Drama
<b>ACTORS</b>	Frances McDormand, Woody Harrelson, Sam Rockwell, John Hawkes, Peter Dinklage



### PLOT

In the town of Ebbing, Missouri, Mildred Hayes is grieving the rape and murder of her teenage daughter, Angela, seven months earlier. Angry over the lack of progress in the investigation, Mildred rents three abandoned billboards near her home and posts on them: "RAPED WHILE DYING", "STILL NO ARRESTS?", and "HOW COME, CHIEF WILLOUGHBY?"

The billboards upset the townspeople, including Chief Bill Willoughby and the racist, violent, alcoholic Officer Jason Dixon. The open secret that Willoughby suffers from terminal pancreatic cancer adds to everyone's disapproval. Mildred and her son Robbie are harassed and threatened, but to Robbie's chagrin, she stays firm about keeping the billboards up.

### LANGUAGE

Extremely strong language, including "f--k", "c--t", the "N" word, "c--k", "s--t", "a--hole", "ass", "bitch", "goddamn", "pr--k", "piss", "balls", "anus".

### VOCABULARY

<b>To be held in custody:</b> to be kept in jail	<b>To give someone crap:</b> to cause problems for people
<b>A black dude:</b> a black man	<b>To narrow something down:</b> to come nearer to an answer through excluding things that aren't that answer
<b>The buck's got to stop somewhere:</b> someone has to be responsible or someone will have to take responsibility in the end	<b>To lay off somebody/something:</b> not to go near or use somebody/something
<b>Eye witness:</b> a person who saw a specific crime or act	<b>To drill a hole:</b> to make a hole with a drill ( <i>trapano</i> )
<b>To croak:</b> the sound a frog makes or, in this guess, to suddenly die	<b>Thumb nail:</b> unghia del pollice
<b>A Midget:</b> a dwarf/a very short man	<b>Fags or faggots:</b> homosexual/s

<b>The chick ain't:</b> the woman isn't	<b>To press charges:</b> to take someone to court after he/she has done something wrong
<b>To be shackled up with a chick:</b> to be living with a woman, sharing the same bed	<b>Wife beater:</b> a man who hits his wife
<b>A gag:</b> a practical joke	<b>Tractor trailer:</b> the big container that a truck pulls
<b>To fuck over someone:</b> to really hurt someone or be nasty to them	<b>Prick:</b> a nasty person
<b>Bail:</b> the money you pay to temporarily free someone from jail, so they can wait at home until their trial	<b>To be hooked up:</b> to be connected
<b>Chit chat:</b> people talking about normal boring things	<b>To puke:</b> to vomit
<b>To ebb away:</b> to gradually go away	<b>To dwell on:</b> to spend an abnormal amount of time emphasizing something
<b>A badge:</b> the metal pin a man/woman wears to show that they are a police person	<b>To be held back:</b> to be stopped from going forward
<b>Dipshit:</b> a stupid person	<b>Water under the bridge:</b> something that has already happened in life so therefore it's impossible to change now
<b>A catch:</b> a very attractive man or woman. For example: "I'm not a catch = I'm not very attractive"	<b>To beat the crap out of me:</b> to seriously injured me through hitting and kicking