Investigating the World of Disney’s Heroines: A Close Analysis of Cinderella and Beauty and the Beast

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Abstract
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Beauty and the Beast - Final Trailer. Do you like this video? This article is about the 2017 live-action film. For the 1991 animated film, see Beauty and the Beast (1991 film). Beauty and the Beast is an American musical romantic fantasy film directed by Bill Condon and distributed by Walt Disney Pictures. It is a live-action adaptation of the 1991 animated film of the same name and was written by Evan Spiliotopoulos and produced by Mandeville Films.