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## LOGAN (character WOLVERINE) - Melding Marvel Mythology with Western Mythology

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Directed by : James Mangold

Story by : James Mangold

Produced by : Scott Frank, James Mangold, Michael Green

Starring : Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart, Richard E. Grant, Boyd Holbrook, Stephen Merchant, Dafne Keen

Distributed by : 20th Century Fox

Release date : February 17, 2017 (Berlin), March 1, 2017 (France), March 3, 2017 (United States)

Running time : 137 minutes

### THE STORY :

In 2029, Logan (Hugh Jackman), who has aged greatly when his healing factor began to falter over the years, spends his days working as a chauffeur and hustling for prescription drugs in Texas. He and Caliban (Stephen Merchant) live in an abandoned farm across the border in Mexico, where they care for a senile Charles Xavier (Patrick Stewart), who had inadvertently killed several of his X-Men in a seizure-induced psychic attack one year earlier. Logan is approached by Gabriela (Elizabeth Rodriguez), a nurse for Transigen who asks him to escort her and an 11-year-old girl named Laura (Dafne Keen) to a place in North Dakota called 'Eden'.

After finding that Gabriela has been murdered, Logan and Xavier learn through a video on Gabriela's phone that Transigen was breeding children with DNA samples from several mutants, but upon completion of the 'X-24' project, the children were to be put to death....Also, Laura is revealed to be Logan's 'daughter', as she was bred with his DNA... The Reavers find their whereabouts...

### OUR REVIEW

For fans who are intimately versed in the franchise's playbook, this last chapter should prove emotionally satisfying, James Mangold turning it into a neo-Western road trip through the heartland. The screenplay written by Scott Frank, Mangold and Michael Green makes themes matter through attention to the intensifying bonds within the central surrogate family.

We could notice that 'Logan' is the third-longest running superhero cinematic franchise in history, behind only 'Superman' and 'Batman', and is the longest running 'continuing storyline' superhero franchise of all time.

Hugh Jackman has portrayed Wolverine more times on the big screen than any other actor has portrayed any superhero in feature films. Logan is the most beautifully rendered film in the X-Men franchise, and the most visually unique of the bunch. This isn't violence for violence's sake, nor is it a cheap appeal to that segment of audiences who want graphic violence and profanity. This is easily Jackman's greatest performance as Wolverine, allowing him to delve deeper into the persona than any previous film....

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