

Chapter 7 Quiz, Question 4*

*when I submitted the previous quiz in order to save the answers I had already written, I didn't realize I wouldn't have an option to add in this question to the quiz later. However, when I submitted my work to my mentor, I included this question along with the other 3 questions for the Chapter 7 quiz.

Mahala Mullins: Catchable, but Not Fetchable, is a one of a kind comedy-musical period-drama crime-thriller genre-mashup film. Set in the late 1800's in Southwest Virginia, this film tells the tale of Mahala Mullins, who was known as the Melungeon Moonshine Madame of the Appalachian Mountains. She had it all: fame, notoriety, a happy home, a devoted husband, and 18 children. Mahala dreamed of seeing all the world had to offer, but the only thing keeping her from those dreams was the fact that she weighed over 600 pounds. Despite being physically unable to leave her single-cabin home, Mahala made the most of it and with the help of her family, she was able to run a successful moonshine operation that became the talk of the town. Taking place in an era when women rarely had any power, she broke against the mold through her resilience and her coveted moonshine recipe. Her success didn't go unnoticed, as she quickly drew the attention of the annoyed local authorities, as well as her jealous neighboring competitors.

The story starts out with Mahala's father passing onto his daughter the secret family moonshine recipe. Soon Mahala draws the eye of a miner named Wilbur, who quickly falls in love with her sharp wit, her signature singing voice, and her voluptuous full-figured frame. They get married and start a family, but it isn't too long until Wilbur is injured at the coal mine and is unable to work. So, Mahala takes matters into her own hands and begins producing moonshine out of her home, which slowly starts picking up heat before becoming an all out success. While she is stuck inside her home, dreaming of the world outside, her husband and children make covert moonshine delivery runs all throughout the valley. This sudden success creates a rift between her neighbors, whose own moonshine operation begins to plummet now that better product is on the market. Before long, the authorities track down where the moonshine is being produced from and make a raid on her home. They are shocked to discover the culprit is a 600-pound Melungeon woman. They may have been able to catch her, but there was no way they could fetch her out of her home. With her strength and determination, and the love and support from her family, Mahala rebuilds her operation better than ever. Not everyone is happy that the authorities couldn't shut her down, as her neighbors conspire to take her down once and for all. This leads to an all-singing, all-dancing, moonshine-induced explosive climax that will have you simultaneously holding onto your seat in suspense while laughing your butt off and singing along to the catchy tunes from Loretta Lynn, Dolly Parton, and Tammy Wynette.

Mahala Mullins: Catchable, but Not Fetchable is a story about family, empowerment, resilience, tradition, and good-old-fashioned home-brewed moonshine told in a way that has never been told before. Catch it now before it gets away!