



## ***“The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee”***

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#### **SYNOPSIS:**

An eclectic group of six mid-pubescents vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home lives, the tweens spell their way through a series of (potentially made-up) words, hoping never to hear the soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life un-affirming "ding" of the bell that signals a spelling mistake. Six spellers enter; one speller leaves a champion. At least the losers get a juice box. This wildly funny Broadway Musical is a riotous ride, complete with audience participation!

#### **AGES:**

We recommend this show for ages 13 and up. However, parents are encouraged to use their own judgement and discretion when choosing shows for children based on their maturity and interest level.

#### **DETAILS:**

By today's standards, this show would probably be rated PG 13. This is a coming- of-age story for pre-teens as they discuss the challenges of growing up. Some challenges presented are: parental pressure, neglect, and fitting in. Characters might use exaggerated stereotypes or situations for comedic effect; when one contestant prays, there's even a visit from Jesus. There is a reference to and a song about one of the characters having two Dads. The show features several mild sexual references related to puberty and does contain some mild curse words (for a complete list please check with the box office). Jokes and lyrics often include sexual innuendos including a brief discussion on stamina and one solo, "My Unfortunate Distraction" which is referring to an erection.

**LENGTH:** Approximately 2 hours (including intermission).

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