

Beowulf's warriors and monsters dominate the epic poem, but women still play important roles. The way they are viewed in the poem gives a glimpse into the culture and minds of the males of the time.

Wealtheow as the good girl is everything desirable in a woman: beautiful, courteous and places her husband above all other men. Grendel's mother however, is a cursed descendent of Cain, beastlike, and savage. They each in their own way fulfill the stereotypes of the good and bad girl respectively.