

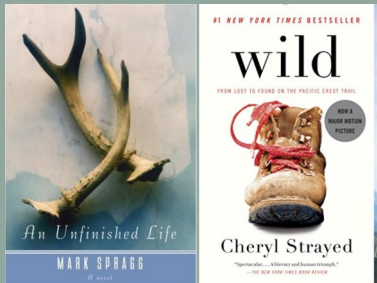


days at Dunrovin

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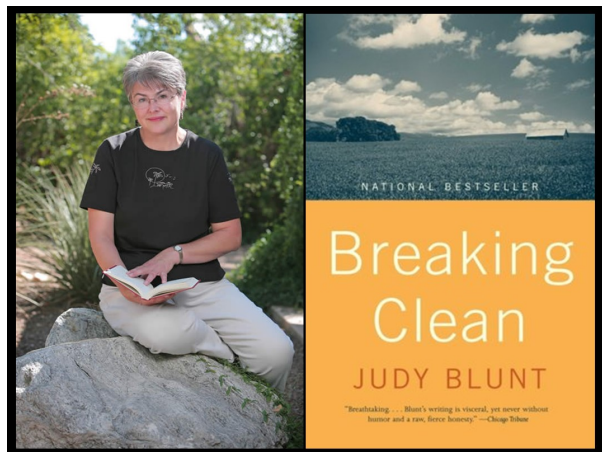
Ranch Talk



D@D Book Club

Books as the Basis of Movies

The DaysAtDunrovin book club started in 2015 and has been a fun reading adventure every year since. We collectively have covered a lot of ground together, from western women to American Indian stories, to the relationship between people and landscapes. All of this has been under the wise literary advice of our host, Judy Blunt.



Judy Blunt is the head of the Creative Writing Program at the University of Montana and the nationally known author of [Breaking Clean](#), published in 2002. Judy's studies, teachings, and writings make her an exceptional book club host. She is not only able to provide literary context and an in-depth analysis for each book, but she connects us with other authors, literary experts, publishers, and family members associated with each book. She understands the art of writing and guides the book club discussions to maximize our understanding and enjoyment. We are a lucky book club to have Judy involved!

Diane Hoffman from Kennett Square, Pennsylvania serves as the club's online host. Diane is a retired research librarian with a deep love of literature who delights in sharing her talents for finding relevant articles and reviews as well as organizing the club's chats into a discussion guide to use for interviewing our books' authors. We all count on Diane to help keep us on track during chat sessions, articulate our questions and comments, and craft a comprehensible series of discussion point for our experts. To address. She never fails us in these duties!

When not reading a book, you can find Diane visiting gardens, birds watching, and traveling to the far corners of the earth to do both!



Books Made into Movies

This season we will read two books that have been made into movies. We want to understand and compare the variations in the stories as told through these two very different medias.

An Unfinished Life by Mark Spragg and the 2005 movie by the same name that starred Robert Redford, Morgan Freeman, Jennifer, and Becca Gardner. The story centers on the reuniting of the father, the wife, and the child of a man whose accidental death tore them apart from grief and misunderstanding. To escape a series of disastrous and violent relationships since her husband's death, the wife takes her young daughter to meet her grandfather for the first time and opens the door to healing. Mark Spragg wrote the screenplay for the movie as well as the book.

Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail by Cheryl Strayed was made into a movie by the same name in 2014 and starred Reese Witherspoon. The death of Cheryl's mother sends Cheryl into a deep depression that she attempts to quell through drugs and sex that destroys her marriage. To regain her life, Cheryl sets out to walk the 1,100-mile Pacific Crest Trail by herself. The screen play for the movies was written by Nick Hornby.



Mark Spragg delves in forgiveness and reconciliation as multiple generations of a family split by death and self destructive behavior come together in a time of need.

Cheryl Strayed takes us on a journey of physical exertion and challenge by hiking alone over a thousand miles to reclaim her life from the depression caused by her mother's death.



Schedule (Mountain Time Zone)

Book 1: *An Unfinished Life* by Mark Spragg

- **Wednesday, March 6 at 6PM:** Group Chat
- **Wednesday, March 20 at 6PM:** Group Chat

Sunday, March 31 at 6PM: Broadcast conversation with Mark Spragg and Judy Blunt

Book 2: *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed

- **Wednesday, April 10 at 6PM:** Group Chat
- **Wednesday, April 24 at 6PM:** Group Chat

Sunday, April 28 at 6PM: Broadcast conversation with Cheryl Strayed (pending) and Judy Blunt