



Book Discussion Guide

1. What do you think were the driving forces behind Bailey's depression, restlessness and bad choices?
2. Bailey is obviously a flawed character. What do you see as her greatest flaws? And why, if she is so flawed, does she make an endearing character to readers?
3. Who did you root for in the love triangle? Do you think Bailey makes the right choice in the end?
4. How do you see Rudy and Bailey's relationship changing in the future? What will it take for them to continue to love each other unconditionally?
5. Contrast and compare the relationship Bailey has with Rudy and Adam. Are there factors that are the same in both relationships?
6. The bond among Bailey, Rudy and Idamarie is a special one, but some might argue that it was actually holding Bailey, and even Rudy, back. What do you think?
7. It's clear that Rudy and Bailey get a down-to-earth mother figure in their friendship with Idamarie. What do you think Idamarie gets from her relationship with them?
8. Bailey's relationship with her mother is strained. Do you think Bailey is too hard on her family? Do you see hope for them to become closer?
9. How does Bailey's relationship with her father affect her interactions with the different men in the story?
10. A theme in the novel is that family doesn't have to define who you are. Do you agree? Can we really ever completely break away from our heritage?
11. How do you feel about how Texas and Colorado are portrayed in the novel? Do you see them as competing forces?
12. Sometimes, changing your geographic location can help you change your life. Do you agree with that statement?
13. Where do you think Bailey will 10 years from now? Texas or Colorado? (Or rehab!?)
14. Have you ever thought of just picking up and moving, trading one life for another? Do you think it is essentially an American dream compared to other cultures?
15. Did you feel Bailey grew over the course of the book in the right ways? Do you think she has freed herself from a legacy of bad choices?