

Psychology & Spirituality Film Group – View & Discuss the 2014 Film: “Wild.”

When: Saturday evening, February 20, '16 @ 7 PM EST.

Where : 1739 Riverside Drive – South Bend, IN 46616.

RSVP: If you are coming, please phone 574-287-0260 or email tjk1739@comcast.net so that we can arrange adequate seating.

What to bring: Anything you like with a movie. Coffee, tea, soft drinks provided.

Film Info from Wikipedia. *Wild* is a 2014 American [biographical drama film](#) directed by [Jean-Marc Vallée](#). The screenplay by [Nick Hornby](#) is based on [Cheryl Strayed](#)'s 2012 memoir [Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail](#). The film stars [Reese Witherspoon](#) as Strayed, alongside [Laura Dern](#) (as Strayed's mother), with [Thomas Sadoski](#), [Michiel Huisman](#) and [Gaby Hoffmann](#) among several others in supporting roles.

Wild opened to positive critical reviews, with much praise going toward the performances of Reese Witherspoon and Laura Dern.^[4] Both actresses received [Academy Award](#) nominations for their performances, in the categories of Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress respectively.^[5]

In June 1995, despite a complete lack of hiking experience, recent divorcée [Cheryl Strayed](#) ([Reese Witherspoon](#)) leaves [Minneapolis, Minnesota](#), to hike 1,100 miles of the 2,650-mile [Pacific Crest Trail](#)^[6] on a journey of self-discovery and healing. During the hike, Strayed reflects in [flashbacks](#) on her childhood in Minnesota and memories of her mother, Bobbi Grey ([Laura Dern](#)). Bobbi's death from cancer sent Cheryl into a deep depression that she tried to numb. Strayed frequently leaves quotes or poems that are meaningful to her along her journey.

On September 15, after hiking for 94 days, Strayed reaches the [Bridge of the Gods](#) on the Columbia River between Oregon and Washington, ending her journey. At various points along the trail, including at the end of the bridge, Strayed encounters a red fox, which she interprets as carrying the spirit of her mother watching over her.

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This is a fascinating film that depicts a woman's individuation journey and affords many aspects for discussion. We hope you will be able to attend.