

Blue Jasmine

Director: Woody Allen
2013 (98')



Blue Jasmine is the story of a rich Manhattan socialite (Blanchett) who falls into hard times and moves out to San Francisco to stay with her sister (Hawkins). Jasmine is unable to accept the present or give up a past built on lies and excess.

A moral fable about greed and comeuppance, crimes and misdemeanors, "Blue Jasmine" begins with a socialite brought low and evolves into a tragedy that becomes far greater than her own. The New York Times Richly chronicled characters, sharp dialogue and that stupendous centerpiece performance by Cate Blanchett are contributing factors in the best summer movie of 2013 and one of the most memorable Woody Allen movies ever. New York Observe

Vocabulary and expressions:

He swept me off my feet.: If you sweep someone off their feet, you make them become suddenly and completely in love with you.

She couldn't stop babbling about her life.: To babble is to talk on and on and on without saying much of importance.

She's not broke. She's screwed up.: If you're broke you don't have any money. If you're screwed up you have some psychological problems.

She's a phony.: If you say someone is a phony, you say they are false or insincere.

I'm dead broke.: I'm completely broke.

Hal's not the roving type.: A roving type or a rover is someone who has numerous romantic affairs.

Ginger said your ex-husband did time.: If you do time you spend time in prison.

I don't mean to pry.

To pry is to investigate or ask questions about someone's private affairs.

Ginger says between work and school you're cracking up.: To crack up is to have a nervous or psychological breakdown.

I'm not the kind of person who likes to beat about the bush.: To beat about the bush means to not get to the point, to avoid talking about what is important.

She's got a crush on you.: If you have a crush on someone you are strongly attracted to that person.

She passed away last year.: A gentle way of saying that someone has died.

For some reason, my Xanax isn't kicking in.: When something kicks in it starts having an effect.

She thinks I'm a bum like your first husband.: A bum is a derogatory term for someone, e.g. a homeless person.

That's right. They picked me up on the streets talking to myself.: If you are picked up off the streets you are taken into care or confinement.

A cheat is a cheat. And when he had other women I just flipped out.: To flip out is to lose control completely and stop behaving rationally

I'm nuts about you Ging.: If you are nuts about someone you are crazy about them, completely enamored with them.

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