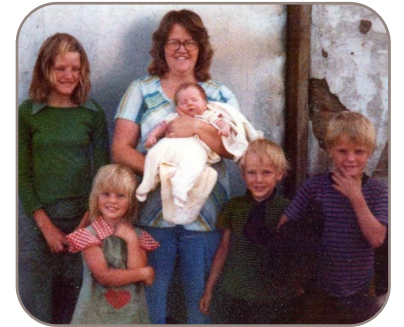


Carey Page Turners May Discussion

The Sound of Gravel

By Ruth Wariner



Characters:

- What does the title, *The Sound of Gravel* mean? How many references to it did you find, and what affect did the sound of gravel have on some of the characters?
- Growing up, Ruth was surrounded by women who could be considered to be both strong and weak. In what ways were the women in Ruth's life strong? In which ways were they weak? How did their role affect family dynamics? How did it affect your opinion of Ruth's mother's choices in particular?
- After reading this memoir, do you think it's possible for polygamous marriages to produce healthy, happy, children and families? Do you think Ruth's perception of love is forever tainted?
- How did Ruth navigate deciding whom she could trust as a child? How important is the ability to trust? How did Ruth's ability to trust evolve as she grew up?
- Ruth's older brother, Matt, ended up living polygamy back at Colonia Lebaron. What do you think changed his mind since he seemed so strongly against it when he first left the colony?
- How did this memoir make you reflect on your own life? Were there any parts of it that you were surprised to be able to identify with?
- If you got the chance to ask Ruth one question, what would it be?

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