

'Breaking Dawn' brings Twilight Saga to an end



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It began as a concept that was all too familiar: girl meets boy, boy is a vampire, they fall in love, they have problems.

However, Stephanie Meyer's "Twilight" rekindled the vampire romance genre for readers, making them sympathize with the clumsy and ordinary Bella and fall in love with the handsome and extraordinary Edward.

The long awaited "Breaking Dawn," fourth book in the saga, concludes the engaging tale of the romance between Bella Swan and Edward Cullen.

The seemingly mismatched couple is finally married, and Bella is more committed than ever to join Edward in immortality. But an unforeseeable circumstance shatters the happy dream.

Meanwhile on the La Push Reservation, Bella's decision to become a vampire is tearing the werewolf pack apart. Despite his instinctual hatred of the "Cold Ones," Jacob Black cannot let go of his love for Bella and ultimately he is forced to choose: Bella or the pack?

With the addition of the talented and irresistibly beautiful Renesmee to the Cullen family, it seems as if everything might work itself out until a fatal misunderstanding with another vampire coven brings the entire family – and all their allies – to the threshold of annihilation.

Meyer has added a new aspect to the saga in "Breaking Dawn." The book is split into three sections: parts one and three are narrated from Bella's point of view, just like the previous three books. Part two, however, changes the flow and the position of narrator is instead given to the werewolf, Jacob Black.

The differences between Bella and Jacob's characters are well illustrated by the writing and style. Readers were accustomed to simple – and often metaphorical – chapter names while Bella was telling the story such as *Gesture* and *Unexpected*. Jacob's, on the other hand, are much longer, less poetic and undeniably humorous. Most of his chapter titles are whole sentences. For example: *Sure as hell didn't see that one coming* and *You know things are bad when you feel guilty for being rude to vampires*.

Fans of the series will be just as captivated by "Breaking Dawn" as they were with "Twilight." With intriguing new characters, and old rivalries coming to a head, Meyer has ended the Twilight Saga on a strong and satisfactory chord.

WHITE: Following in her athletic aunts' footsteps

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After White graduated, she had several options to weigh.

"I am really close to my family, and knew that I wanted to stay close to them. Everyone is here; I live with my mom and stepdad, one of my sisters and her boyfriend, and a niece and nephew," White said.

White also has extended family living in Oregon.

At the end of White's high school career, her grandma contacted Woods to tell her that she wanted to stay close for college. Woods, who had been watching White since high school, and had expressed interest in having her play for Clackamas' team, took the opportunity to try and seal the deal.

After meeting with Woods, taking a tour of the campus and talking about the ideals of Cougar Volleyball, White decided that Clackamas is where she wanted to be.

According to Woods, White has been a very valuable addition to the team.

"We would not be where we are without (White). We would not be as aggressive without her," Woods said. "Every team needs someone who can kill the ball like she can, and I love her competitiveness and her drive to succeed. We already have our great go-to hitter in Kristel (Baekel), but having (White) gives us a more balanced

attack with two great hitters in the middle."

In high school, White was an All-state volleyball player and was Estacada High School's go-to hitter, but it is different on the Cougar Volleyball team.

"She is learning what the team is about. In high school she was the

go-to hitter, but here, she is surrounded by teammates that were all go-to people for their high school teams. Everyone on this team is talented and has to play together as a team," Woods said.

White has improved this year due to her work ethic and the help of the team around her. She has great passers and great setters to get her the ball, making it easier for her to succeed, according to Woods.

Although White is only in her first season here at Clackamas, Woods can already see how bright of a future she has ahead of her.

"I told her she is going to be a great player; she already is. If she fine tunes her game a little, she can be an amazing player. I think she is just starting

to figure out what she can be, how much more she can give and how much better she can become," Woods said.

Woods thinks that White will definitely play after Clackamas, which is something that White also hopes

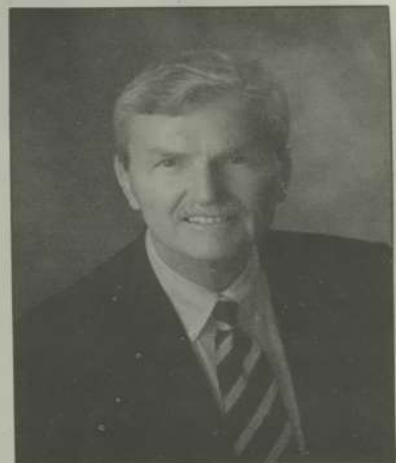
to do.

"The harder she works, and the more she develops as a player, the more doors there will be that open to her. The best is yet to come for her. I am excited about her future," Woods said.

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Kathie Woods
Head Coach

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ra White (9) jumps high for a kill against Chemeketa on Oct. 3.