

Winter Dreams Chronological Order and MORE

1. Dexter works as a caddy at a country club.
2. Dexter is assigned to caddy for a young Judy Jones.
3. Dexter quits his caddy job.
 - He goes off to college at an elite school on East Coast then returns to Minnesota in early 20s to start a business.
4. Dexter starts a fancy laundering business and gets rich.
5. Dexter meets Judy a 2nd TIME at the country club & falls in love.
6. Judy dates Dexter and many others. Sometimes she ignores Dexter; sometimes she encourages him.
 - After several seasons, Dexter realizes he will never have Judy completely, so he leaves her.
7. Dexter gets engaged to Irene.
8. Judy comes back and says she wants to marry Dexter.
9. Dexter breaks off his engagement with Irene.
10. Surprise, surprise! One month later, Judy leaves Dexter.
 - Dexter wants to get out of Minnesota. Just like Fitzgerald, he joins the Army during WWI. After the war, he stays on the East Coast.
11. Dexter becomes a rich businessman in New York.
12. (Seven years later) A friend tells Dexter that Judy is married, in a bad marriage, and lost her beauty.
 - Dexter understands that his dream of marrying Judy will never come true. In fact, Dexter realizes that he doesn't even care that much about Judy anymore. He's sad for himself.
 - His life as a business tycoon has gone so far that he has lost the romantic ideals of his boyhood. Now, he a moneymaking machine, without any of his youthful ILLUSIONS.
13. Dexter cries because part of him is gone.