

BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For

FOR SIX GOOD REASONS

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1. When Alice Graham considers buying a country home in Greenbrier, she remembers an earlier visit there in the winter. What unusual event happened at that visit? When does Alice first officially meet Harrison Ramsey?
2. Why does Alice need a big country home? See if you can name the six Stuart children in her care and tell something unique you remember about each of them.
3. How is Hobart Rayfield? How long have he and Harrison known each other? What is Harrison's occupation?
4. What is Harrison Ramsey's relationship like with his mother Mozella? How do Harrison and his mother come to a better understanding of each other later in the book? Do you have any Mozellas in your life?
5. Did you like Odell McKee? How was she a help to Alice, Harrison, and the Stuart children? What was her past link to Meadowbrook?
6. After a happy summer, the Stuart children begin to develop problems when they begin school. What are some of these problems? How does Harrison try to resolve them? Why does this cause a quarrel with Alice?

7. Why do you think both Alice and Harrison fight against the attraction they feel for each other? What are some of their differences that cause friction between them? How does their ride together up the mountain help their relationship?

8. Thomas and Tildy Stuart seem to attract disasters. How does Thomas get kicked by a horse? What is Harrison's reaction? What is Alice's?

9. Several times in the book Harrison is drawn into unexpected spiritual discussions. What does he advise Hannah to do when people cause her trouble or hurt her? How does he explain salvation to Thomas in the hospital waiting room?

10. What happens when Alice and the children visit Beech Grove Church that makes them not want to return? Is the church's response what it should be after this event? What persuades the family to visit again? Do you think events like these often make people pull away from attending church?

11. What events have caused Harrison to distrust women and want to avoid future relationships? Why do you think Harrison never explained to people what happened to end his past relationships? What was unique in his relationship with Ava?

12. Alice worries that she might not be a good parent to the Stuart children, might try to push them into a pattern not right for them. How have both Alice and Harrison experienced negative parental pressure, not feeling loved

or affirmed for who they were, in their earlier childhood? Have you ever felt negative parental pressures in your own family?

13. How are Harrison's and Alice's methods in handling the children different? Do you think both authoritarian and democratic methods can work well in parenting? Which do you think is best? Which did you experience most in your childhood?

14. When Thomas and Tildy are lost, who does Alice reluctantly yearn for? When Harrison is snake bit, who helps and rescues him? How did these two events help bring Harrison and Alice closer? Can you remember a time when a hard situation helped you realize who was most important to you?

15. In the hospital after Harrison was snake bit, Stacey criticizes Harrison's courtship skills with Alice. What does she tell him? Has Harrison and Alice's courtship followed traditional patterns? How does Harrison try to improve on this later?

16. What happened on the overnight trail ride that caused a scandal for Harrison and Alice in Greenbrier? How did they respond to it? How did others respond?

17. Why did Harrison go immediately to Colorado to Ava when she called long distance? What did you think about this and about how Harrison handled leaving? What did others think about his actions—Alice, Hobart, the children, and others in the valley? How did this trip bring resolution to Alice and Harrison's relationship?

18. The wedding of Harrison Ramsey and Alice Graham proved eventful. What happened? Did you enjoy this ending? What did you like most about this book?