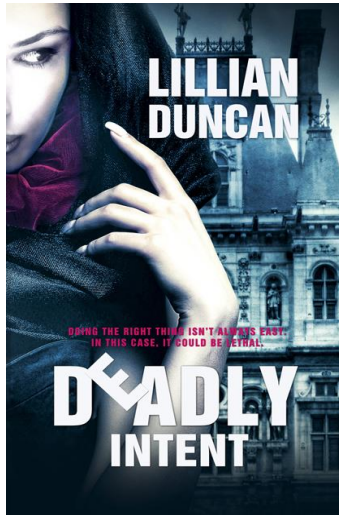


Discussion Questions



DEADLY INTENT

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About the Book

Everyone belongs somewhere. The key to happiness is recognizing that place when you get there.

Maven Morris has lost her way. A childless widow, she has no immediate family. Forced into a medical leave, she has no career. At loose ends, she hasn't a clue what's next for her.

Her neighbor, Paul Jordan knows what he wants—to move their friendship to a new level. Maven may not know what's next, but she knows she has no interest in romance with anyone—not even her handsome neighbor.

When a young boy is abandoned in the city park, he touches Maven's heart. In spite of his obvious special needs, she agrees to provide a foster home. She has no idea the impact he will have on her—or the danger he brings to her doorstep.

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Discussion:

Question 1: If you were in Maven's position, would you agree to foster a child with special needs? Why or Why not?

Answer 1: Depends on the person

Question 2: What do you think the real reason is that Maven doesn't want to date Paul?

Answer 2: She's afraid to get hurt.

Question 3: What's more important to a special needs child? Mothering or teaching?

Answer 3: Both are important, but all children need to feel loved and special.

Question 4: Do you think the school board is right or wrong for not rehiring Maven until she has a full recovery from the Bell's palsy?

Answer 4: NO--There's much more to an SLP's job than how well her mouth moves.

Question 5: What is Bell's palsy?

Answer 5: Inflammation of the facial nerves that causes paralysis, usually temporary but not always.

