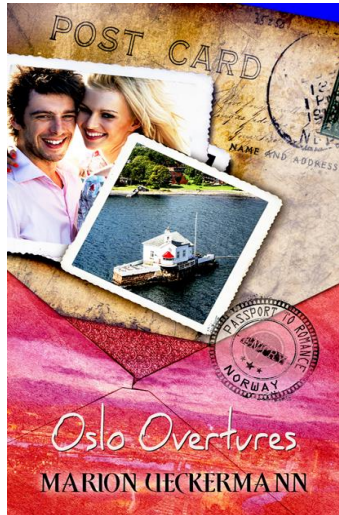


Discussion Questions



OSLO OVERTURES

Passport to Romance

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About the Book

“If women were meant to fly, the skies would be pink.”

Those were the first words Anjelica Joergensen heard from renowned wingsuiter, Kyle Sheppard, when they joined an international team in Oslo to break the formation flying Guinness World Record. This wouldn't be the last blunder Kyle would make around the beautiful Norwegian.

The more Anjelica tries to avoid Kyle, the more the universe pushes them together. Despite their awkward start, she finds herself reluctantly attracted to the handsome New Zealander. But beneath his saintly exterior, is Kyle just a daredevil looking for the next big thrill?

Falling for another wingsuiter would only be another love doomed.

When a childhood sweetheart comes between them, Kyle makes a foolish agreement which jeopardizes the event and endangers his life, forcing Angelica to make a hard choice.

Is she the one who'll clip his wings?

Can he be the wind beneath hers?

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Discussion:

Question 1: Why was Anjelica scared to fall in love again, especially with another wingsuiter?

Answer 1: Because her fiancé had been killed in a wingsuiting accident three years ago. For two years she'd carried the guilt that perhaps she had been to blame for his accident. She couldn't risk going through a loss like that, or bearing that guilt, again.

Question 2: Why had Kyle sworn off women?

Answer 2: Because he felt that women were only attracted to him for his exciting career and his looks.

Question 3: What was Kyle looking for in a woman?

Answer 3: He wanted someone who would love him because of who he was as a person, and embrace his faith, too.

Question 4: Anjelica loved wingsuiting and the community of wingsuiters, but there were two things she didn't like. What were they?

Answer 4: 1. She didn't like the party-hard side of the sport. 2. It was a very male-dominated community.

Question 5: Why was Anjelica so offended by Kyle's 'Pink skies' comment?

Answer 5: Because in Norway they believe in equality of the sexes, and she was already intimidated by the male-dominated environment of her sport.

Question 6: Why did the Kiwi team do the Haka on the first day of training?

Answer 6: Not only was it tradition, but it was the greatest ritual in world sport. It was expected.

Question 7: Why was the flight over the fjord dangerous? Why did Kyle still do it?

Answer 7: The Phoenix-Fly manual cautions against flying over or near large bodies of water. Kyle didn't expect Luke to want him to fly the longest straight path over the water. Worse, to land on the small deck of a lighthouse. After seeing Erick kissing Anjelica, Kyle thought they were involved and that she might tell Erick about their own kiss minutes before. He didn't want that to ruin his friendship with Erick. But still he wanted to go to church with Anjelica, although he was afraid to be alone with her and Erick. He needed reinforcements and asked Luke to tag along. When Luke wasn't interested, Kyle agreed to fly across the Oslofjord, not thinking that Luke would make the wager even more foolhardy. When Luke held up his end of the wager, Kyle had to make the flight. He was a man of his word.

Question 8: Why could Kyle relate to Adam Carter, the Pastor?

Answer 8: It was easy for Kyle to talk to Adam because they were the same age. Kyle could relate to the pastor because Adam, too, had fallen in love with a girl from the other side of the world that he initially suspected was in a relationship.

Question 9: Why did Anjelica's mother trust Kyle enough to give him the address where Anjelica was staying in Oslo?

Answer 9 Because Erick, who'd been a friend of Anjelica's family for a very long time, had not only vouched for Kyle as someone they could trust, but he also told them he believed that Anjelica could find happiness again with Kyle. He'd told Anjelica's mother that Kyle loved her daughter.

Question 10: Kyle took the blame for their flight over the fjord, and asked to take Luke's punishment, too. What scripture verse comes to mind at this action, and what does this parallel?

Answer 10: Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. Kyle's action is a parallel of Christ's sacrifice for us.

