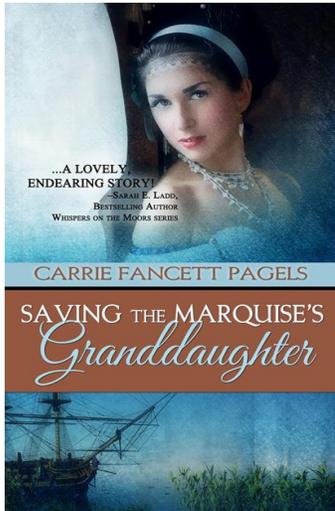


## Discussion Questions

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### SAVING THE MARQUISE'S GRANDDAUGHTER

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### About the Book

In a land fraught with religious strife, they must break the barriers between status and faith to forge a fresh future in a new world...

After her Huguenot father is arrested, aristocrat Suzanne Richelieu escapes Versailles. Handsome German peasant, Johan Rousch, risks his life to bring her to the safety of his family's farm in the Palatinate duchy, but when Suzanne's brother and the French army arrive with a warning that they plan to burn the area, she and Johan are forced to flee. With no money or options, both become indentured servants in exchange for safe passage to Philadelphia.

Suzanne falls gravely ill aboard ship and marries Johan, only to survive with no memory of the wedding—a reality made worse when Johan spots the “priest” who married them working as a surveyor and later in Quaker cleric garb. Are their wedding vows valid?

When Suzanne's former fiancé arrives in port, planning to abduct her, Johan must save her again—but can he do so before Suzanne is lost to him forever?

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Discussion:

Question 1: Have you lost a family member to cancer? Did you suspect the type of cancer that Suzanne's mother died from?

Answer 1: Suzanne's mother, the Marquise's daughter, has been ill with pancreatic cancer for some time before she finally dies. Mercifully, she dies quickly as the end draws near.

Question 2: Suzanne has Huguenot parents but she hadn't accepted their faith. And she was drawn to her grandmother's Roman Catholic beliefs as protection. Do you think she was attempting to

Answer 2: Indeed, she was. Suzanne has to come into a relationship with God on her own, which doesn't reach fruition until she's onboard the ship.

Question 3: She used her grandmother's rosary beads as a talisman rather than having formed a true relationship with Christ. Did you ever performed

Answer 3: I leave this to the reader to examine their own heart.

Question 4: Why do you think Suzanne compulsively recited her prayers?

Answer 4: Suzanne has a form of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and was using the rosary as a way to be soothed. But this later failed to be a balm because it was a mere act.

Question 5: Suzanne had to meet Jesus face to face to finally accept Him as Lord and Savior. Have you known anyone else who has had to come to faith in a similar traumatic fashion?

Answer 5: I believe readers will know quite a few people seeking God who waited until almost too late to accept Him as Lord.

Question 6: This story was inspired by my own genealogical research. Have you discovered anything fun about your own ancestors by doing genealogical studies?

Answer 6: I bet readers will have found many fun things!

