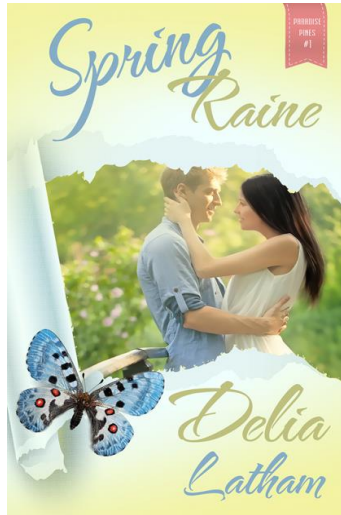


Discussion Questions



SPRING RAINE

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About the Book

An uncharacteristic, last-minute decision to do something "wild and crazy" before entering the stressful world of forensic science sends Raine Presley to Cambria, California. Against a cloud of disapproval from her slightly manipulative, over-protective parents, she signs a seasonal lease at the beautiful Paradise Pines Lodge...and winds up over her head in life and love.

Declan Keller's just minding his own business—literally—when Raine drops into his world and turns it upside down. He's far too busy carving beautiful shapes out of chunks of wood to be babysitting a gal from Pasadena. Even so, his father's promise to an old friend obligates him, despite a looming deadline that could make or break his career in the art world. He's praying for anything but Raine when she comes along.

Neither Declan nor Raine is prepared for the seemingly divine influence of Paradise Pines—and Miss Angelina Love. A mysterious lady who may or may not own the lodge, Miss Angie possesses an amazing talent for mending ruffled feathers, spouting proverbs, and somehow bending even the most determined of hearts to the power of love.

TITLE: Spring Raine

Discussion:

Question 1: Were you surprised to discover Raine, at 26 years old, still lived with her parents? Why?

Answer 1:

Question 2: Raine startled Declan on their first meeting, causing him to damage an important carving. Did his anger give you a bad first impression of him?

Answer 2:

Question 3: Raine's heart for troubled teens led her to speak with a teen boy, a hitchhiker, and take him to lunch. She later rescued a teen girl, and took her home with her. These actions could be construed as a risk, and even dangerous. What did you think of Raine's actions with Cole and Tara?

Answer 3:

Question 4: Under the impression she was a teenager, Declan made a promise to his father and the Cayucos mayor to keep an eye on Raine. Although he felt guilty about that agreement later, he didn't immediately tell Raine about it. Should he have? How would you have felt in Raine's position? In Declan's?

Answer 4:

Question 5: Raine witnessed Miss Angie praying in the woods, and the experience changed her life. What was your first impression of the prayer scene?

Answer 5:

Question 6: Did you find Raine's parents too dictatorial, or just over-protective of their daughter's? Was Raine right to insist on taking a break before starting her new job, despite her parents' blatant disapproval?

Answer 6:

Question 7: Dec was influenced to a great degree by Harold Beal's house, Nitt Witt Ridge, and the story behind it. Why did Beal's story made such an impression on him? What do you think of Beal's project of 30+ years?

Answer 7:

