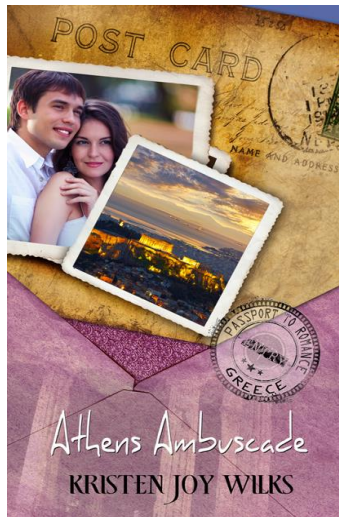


## Discussion Questions

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### **ATHENS AMBUSCADE**

Passport To Romance

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### **About the Book**

What happens when a strapped-for-cash bridal designer needs a stuffed animal...and fast?

Up-and-coming bridal designer, Jacqueline Gianakos must fly a Montana taxidermist to Greece in order to stuff her Grandmother's cat. If Chrysanthemum isn't preserved within two days' time, Jacqueline will lose the home that was her childhood sanctuary.

But will she survive the next 48 hours when the taxidermist ignores her pointed request and then shows up wearing flannel?

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Discussion:

Question 1: Have you ever planned something out so perfectly that you were sure God would bless it and bring your plan to fruition?

Answer 1: Yes, sometimes my plans just seem so perfect. But God doesn't always have the same goals as I do. Especially with other people. When I think He should make someone easier to manage, often God wants me to learn how to love a difficult individual just the way they are. Argh!

Question 2: Has your prayer list ever started to look more like an itinerary for God?

Answer 2: It is difficult when someone switches gears on you and your whole day changes. Even more so when that someone is God.

Question 3: Have you ever imagined out the new more Christ-like you that God was changing you into and been shocked when His blueprints did not line up with your own?

Answer 3: Hmm...I once made a goal list that included Never swear, never read a book with swearing, never watch a movie with swearing, never date in high school, and never wear a two-piece swimsuit but God had other plans. I stuck with my dating decision, but discovered that I could not get a college education without reading a book that had a swear word and that my wonderful Christian family could no longer stand to attend another movie with me that I walked out of because of a single expletive. My plans were awesome! But God wanted me to be more loving and a bit less perfect. Hard stuff, right?

Question 4: Have you ever decided what someone was like based on a quick glance at their outward appearance?

Answer 4: Of course. People give us clues about their interests and goals by how they dress, but sometimes our presumptions are way off.

Question 5: Have you ever made out a list of what the perfect guy or gal would be?

Answer 5: Yep, when I signed my True Love Waits pact, I also made my list. He had to love dancing. Dancing? I did go swing dancing with my hubby before we married and he swung me right into a huge wooden pole and broke my glasses. But the activity was equally hazardous for him as I freaked out halfway through him flipping me over his shoulder and grabbed him instead of going with the flip. His back has never been the same after that.

Question 6: Do you have That One Thing that really really bugs you?

Answer 6: Yes, getting sprayed with a garden hose right before I get into the car for church.

Question 7: Have you ever come to the startling realization that your true love does or wears That One Thing that totally annoys you?

Answer 7: Not only has my true love sprayed me with a garden hose, he has taught our three sons to do so. Thankfully we had a serious talk about it happening right before I got in the car to go to church. He agreed to help them to wait until there wasn't a time crunch. Now I just need to be sneaky and careful whenever I'm wearing jeans and a T-shirt and am not in a rush.

Question 8: Have you ever realized that the thing you love most about someone is the flip side of the thing that bothers you most?

Answer 8: Ha ha ha! We all have our strengths and each strength has a flip side. What you love is also what you hate. We have to deal with this with others, just like they have to deal with this with us.

Question 9: Who do you fall for in movies, the classic hero or the lovable rogue?

Answer 9 The lovable rogue.

Question 10: Have you ever been surprised when your own lovable rogue showed annoying tendencies? Has he ever been surprised that his own spunky and outspoken heroine could annoy him with the best of them?

Answer 10: In movies the character's annoying habits melt away about halfway through. But when you bring home your own lovable rogue or he brings home his own spunky heroine all that you are is there to stay. Marriage is such a wonderful and frustrating dance. But well worth the effort. We all change and grow, but we are also who we are. If you are like me, is less than perfect.

