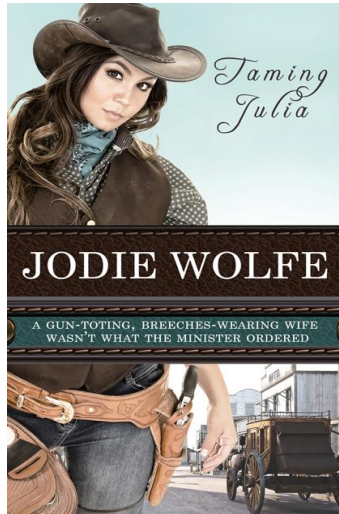


## Discussion Questions

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### **TAMING JULIA**

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### **About the Book**

In 1875, Kansas bachelor Drew Montgomery's sole desire is to serve God, but his congregation's ultimatum that he marry or leave, forces him to advertise for a wife by proxy.

Jules Walker strides into Drew's life wearing breeches and toting a gun and saddle--more cowboy than bride. After years on the trail, she's not exactly wife material, but she longs for home and family, and will do anything to ensure Drew never discovers what she really is.

TITLE: Taming Julia

Discussion:

Question 1: 2 Corinthians 6:14 (KJV) says, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" At the beginning of the story, were Jules and Drew unequally yoked?

Answer 1: Yes, and this caused great distress for preacher Drew who knew that scripture warned against this. It was difficult to find himself in that situation.

Question 2: What made Drew take out an advertisement for a bride?

Answer 2: The church had given him an ultimatum to find a bride by a certain date or he'd lose his job. He didn't feel the women in town were good wife material, so in desperation, he advertised for a mail-order bride.

Question 3: Why is Jules so intent on keeping her past from Drew?

Answer 3: She's afraid that he won't love her if he finds out that she killed a man.

Question 4: What is the cause of Drew's mother's ill treatment of him?

Answer 4: When she sees Drew, she's reminded of her last argument with her husband and how she didn't make things right before he left on his trip and was killed.

Question 5: Why did Jules agree to marry by proxy?

Answer 5: Her brother told her to do so and she trusted him. For some reason he feared for her safety, so she followed what he asked of her without questioning.

Question 6: What type of relationship was built between Jules and Sarah?

Answer 6: Jules was excited to have a sister-in-law and they become quite close throughout the story. Sarah enjoys Jules and can see that she is a good fit for her brother, even if he can't at first.

Question 7: Why was it different than that of her mother-in-law?

Answer 7: Drew's mother has difficulty accepting anyone. Since she was never able to make things right with Drew's father, that burden taints all of her relationships, even her dealings with her own children. It isn't until she's willing to face the past that she's able to move forward.

Question 8: How does Jules show sacrificial love?

Answer 8: She's willing to lay her own life down in order to save Drew, Sarah, and her nephew.

Question 9: How did Jules and Drew's viewpoint of marriage differ?

Answer 9 Jules really didn't know much about marriage and what it would look like. She couldn't remember her parents, so she couldn't rely on their example. Drew wanted a wife that would compliment him and his ministry. He has great expectations of Jules.

Question 10: How was Jules eventually tamed?

Answer 10: Jules didn't fully become tamed until she accepted Christ as Lord and Savior of her life. Drew worked to tame some of her outer characteristics, while God changed her from the inside out.

