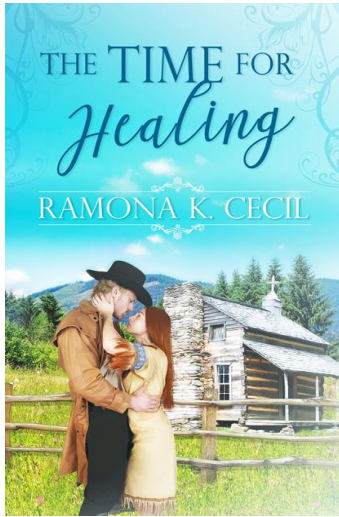


Discussion Questions



THE TIME FOR HEALING

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About the Book

Ginny Red Fawn McLain, a Shawnee medicine woman, is thrust back into the world of her birth family twelve years after her abduction. While she eschews the Christianity preached by her birth uncle who found her, Ginny's heart refuses to shun his friend and fellow Christian minister, Jeremiah Dunbar.

Jeremiah Dunbar is immediately smitten with his friend's long lost niece. But unless Ginny Red Fawn joins Christ's fold--something she adamantly resists--any future with the woman he loves is impossible.

Amid an atmosphere of contempt and distrust, dreams and cultures clash. Ginny and Jeremiah are left to wonder whether their burgeoning love has any place in God's plan.

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Discussion:

Question 1: Why was Red Fawn troubled by the arrival of the white missionaries?

Answer 1: She felt uneasy about her own “whiteness.”

Question 2: Why could Red Fawn not remember her white family or her abduction?

Answer 2: She suffered from what we now call post-traumatic stress disorder.

Question 3: Why was Jeremiah conflicted about his feelings for Red Fawn?

Answer 3: Although attracted by her beauty and admiring of her character, it bothered him that she seemed to feel nothing for her dead birth parents and baby brother.

Question 4: Why did Falling Leaf want to go back to Indiana?

Answer 4: She knew she was dying and wanted to be buried beside her late husband.

Question 5: Was there another reason?

Answer 5: Yes, she wanted Red Fawn to return to her white family, whom she felt would love and care for her.

Question 6: Why did Flying Hawk put his pipe tomahawk in Jeremiah’s bed roll?

Answer 6: He saw Jeremiah as a rival for Red Fawn’s affection and wanted a reason to have him and Zeb killed.

Question 7: Why did Red Fawn resist the idea of becoming a Christian even after her mother accepted Christ?

Answer 7: She was afraid that becoming a Christian would prevent her from being a practicing Shawnee medicine woman, something she’d aspired to since childhood.

Question 8: Why did Falling Leaf make Red Fawn promise that she would go by the name Ginny Red Fawn?

Answer 8: Falling Leaf thought it would help her adopted daughter to better assimilate into the white world.

Question 9: Why did Ginny Red Fawn wait so long to visit the graves of her birth family?

Answer 9 She suffered from “survivor guilt,” wondering why God had allowed her to live when the rest of her family was killed.

Question 10: What did God finally reveal to Ginny about why she survived the Pigeon Roost Massacre and the purpose He had for her life?

Answer 10: That He'd saved her to be a healing agent for the people of Underwood, Indiana who, twelve years after the Pigeon Roost Massacre, still held hard feelings toward the Shawnee.

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