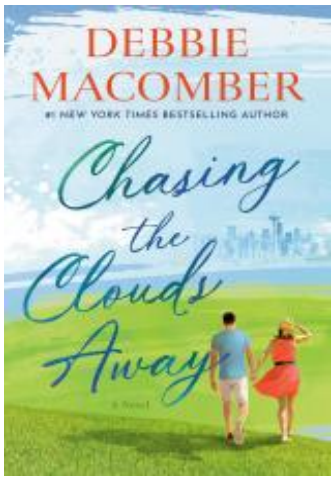
Chasing the Clouds Away

by Debbie Macomber



About the Book

From #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Debbie Macomber comes an uplifting story of an unforgettable chance encounter between a successful yet jaded businessman and a woman who sees --- but also expects --- the best in everyone, sparking an unlikely romance that challenges their assumptions about generosity, trust and the gifts of unforeseen love.

Maisy Gallagher has her own dreams, but when her father passes away, she selflessly sets them aside to help her family. Despite knowing it was the right thing to do, she can?t help but wish for the road not taken.

Chase Furst, the hardened heir to a financial empire, is primarily focused on his own life and on his work as a bank executive. His childhood was marred by his mother?s struggle with addiction, and it left him cynical and emotionally distant.

But then Chase meets Maisy, a beautiful woman full of optimism and kindness who can see past his defenses. To his surprise and annoyance, she offers to help him during a time of need and declines his offer of payment. Instead, she asks him to pay it forward --- and not with money or a quick fix, but through an act of true selflessness. At a loss, Chase doesn?t know where to begin.

Discussion Guide

1. Chase and Maisy?s relationship begins with a bit of conflict. How do their first impressions of each other shape (or mislead) their understanding of one another throughout the novel?

2. Chase insists that his mother?s death doesn?t affect him, yet his actions suggest otherwise. How does the novel explore unresolved grief? What ultimately allows Chase to begin healing?

3. Maisy challenges Chase to ?pay it forward.? How does this simple idea transform him? Which of his acts of generosity feels most meaningful to you --- and why?

4. Family plays a central role in this story --- from Maisy?s close-knit household to Chase?s emotionally distant upbringing. How do their different family experiences shape their views on love and commitment?

5. Chase initially equates strength with control and independence. How does his understanding of vulnerability evolve? What moments mark a turning point for him?

6. Maisy?s mother and grandmother consistently express faith that ?God will provide.? How does faith influence the characters? decisions and perspectives during times of crisis?

7. Michelle?s story (Chase?s mother) reveals redemption later in life. How does her journey parallel or influence Chase?s own transformation?

8. Maisy struggles with her belief that love alone isn?t enough. What does the novel ultimately suggest about love versus practicality?

9. Several side characters experience change because of Chase and Maisy?s influence. Which secondary character?s arc resonated most with you?

10. If you could ask Debbie Macomber one thing about CHASING THE CLOUDS AWAY, what would it be?

Author Bio

Debbie Macomber is a renowned #1 *New York Times* bestselling author and one of today?s most cherished writers, with over 200 million copies of her books sold globally. Her novels beautifully depict meaningful relationships, celebrating family bonds and enduring friendships, and inspire readers with stories of connection and hope. Macomber?s works have collectively remained on the *New York Times* bestseller list for more than 1,000 weeks, with 15 titles reaching the top spot.

In addition to her captivating fiction, Macomber has authored bestselling cookbooks, adult coloring books, numerous inspirational and nonfiction titles, and beloved children?s books. Known as ?the official storyteller of Christmas,? her annual holiday tales are adored by fans, many of which have been adapted into original Hallmark Channel movies. She is also the author of the bestselling *Cedar Cove* series, which was adapted into the Hallmark Channel?s first dramatic scripted television series, enjoying a popular three-season run.

Debbie and her husband, Wayne, are dedicated parents, grandparents and recently great-grandparents. They reside in the Pacific Northwest --- the charming area that inspired many of her books.

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