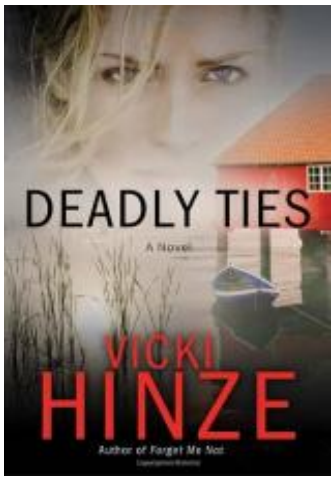
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Deadly Ties

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About the Book

Her enemy will stop at nothing for control?and everything is not enough?

A horrific crime shatters Lisa Harper?s idyllic childhood. Her father is dead and her desperate mother, Annie, quickly marries Dutch Hauk, an abusive monster who soon reveals his hatred for Lisa. To protect her, Annie defies her ruthless husband and forfeits custody to a trusted friend. Enraged, Dutch vows to keep Annie and Lisa apart --- and he does. Years later, though keenly aware of Dutch?s evil intent, Lisa and her mother seize a chance to be a family, safe in a home where love dwells. But they fail to fathom how far Dutch will go to keep his vow.

Determined to control his women, Dutch proves resourceful. His associates in crime are feared at the highest levels across the globe --- and for Lisa they plan a fate worse than death. Yet she too has formidable connections: ones like former Special Operations officer Mark Taylor. Burdened by his own traumatic past, Mark has loved Lisa from afar. Now, for Lisa and her mother to survive, Mark must risk his life --- and even more difficult for him, he must trust God --- as one question haunts them all: Can Mark and Lisa untangle these deadly ties before it?s too late?

Discussion Guide

1. Annie asks God to let her go back 24 hours. Have you ever wished you could go back, regretted a decision you made, felt guilty because if you had chosen differently, perhaps another could have been spared a tragic event or being hurt?

2. Mark feels he let Jane down. Have you ever been in a situation where you disappointed another who mattered a great deal to you? How did you cope, survive, and recover?

3. Though Mark?s teammates were as close to him as brothers, Mark said that one day he hoped to belong to a family of his own, one where he was wanted, not just needed. What are your thoughts on that?

4. Annie stayed with Dutch out of obedience to God, even though she was in an abusive relationship. Have you ever known someone in this situation? How would you counsel her?

5. Dutch believes the key to respect is money. What do you think?

6. Annie wonders why she hadn?t trusted God to provide for her. Have you ever felt this way?

7. Lisa is frustrated feeling some Christians get favor, blessings, and peace while she is living on ?fumes of faith.? Have you ever felt this way? Mark tells her she doesn?t see the big picture. What would you have told her?

8. Lisa feels like she has been sacrificed for her mother. Describe a time when you have suffered hardship or trials for the sake of another.

9. At one point Lisa feels she has been ?forgotten in a dark tunnel.? Have you ever felt God has forgotten you? Have you ever felt you have forgotten God?

10. Mark said he believes Christ has redeemed him. He knows this logically, but knowing it and feeling it are two different things. Because of his childhood, he grew up feeling that he had to earn love --- Lisa?s and God?s. Have you ever felt this way? How would you advise a friend who is feeling this?

11. Mark believes that everything Lisa has been through had a purpose. What do you think?

12. At one point Lisa struggles with not asking God to kill certain people. She asks for forgiveness instead. Have you ever felt this way?

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