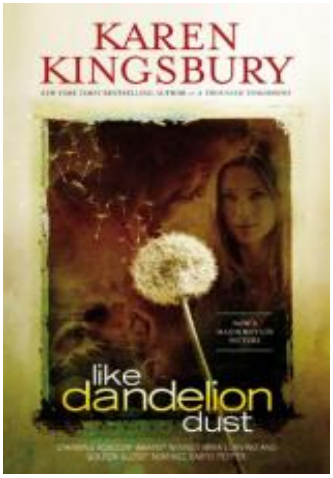
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Like Dandelion Dust

by Karen Kingsbury



About the Book

Karen Kingsbury delivers a powerful new novel about two parents' love for their child and the surprising lengths they will go to keep their family together when a judge rules that their adopted son must be returned to his biological father.

Discussion Guide

1. Have you ever known someone who adopted a child and then had that child taken away because the adoption fell through? Describe that situation. How did the adoptive parents handle the loss?

2. What did you think of Molly and Jack's decision to leave the country?

3. Is there any way to justify the decision Molly and Jack made?

4. Read the story of Mary and Joseph's escape to Egypt in *Matthew*, chapter 2. Did this give moral precedent for Molly and Jack to take Joey and flee the country? Why or why not?

5. What Molly and Jack wanted to do was illegal, no question about it. If you were Beth, would you have turned them in? Why or why not?

6. Molly and Beth shared a special relationship. What were some of the reasons they were close?

7. Describe a close relationship you have with a sister or a friend. What makes that relationship close?

8. Have there been times when you have had to make a difficult decision?like the one Beth made --- for the good of someone you love? Describe that situation. What was the outcome?

9. How might God have blessed Molly and Jack if they hadn't tried to defy the law?

10. Why was Jack so closed to the possibility of God's help while he looked for a way to keep custody of Joey? Explain your answer.

11. What did Beth mean when she said that God's will is always accomplished if you ask Him? Can you give an example of this in your life?

12. Wendy Porter was a woman caught up in abuse. Do you know anyone in a similar situation? Why do people stay in harmful relationships?

13. Read 1 *Kings*, chapter 3. How does the story of the two mothers relate to the sacrifice Wendy made on behalf of her son? How is the Bible story different?

14. Who was your favorite character in *Like Dandelion Dust*? Why?

15. Which character are you most like? How?

16. Do you think Molly and Jack would've gotten away with their plan? Why or why not?

17. Do you think they would've been happy in their new life in the Cayman Islands? Why or why not?

18. What would you do if a judge ordered that one of your children had to be taken away?

19. If you could make any change to the adoption laws in this country, what change would you make? Do you think the current system protects children most of the time, some of the time, or all of the time?

20. What did you learn from reading this novel?

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Karen Kingsbury, #1 *New York Times* bestselling novelist, is America?s favorite inspirational storyteller, with more than 25 million copies of her award-winning books in print. Her last dozen titles have topped bestseller lists, and many of her novels are under development as TV movies and major motion pictures. Her many *Baxter* books will be the subject of a new TV series --- "The Baxter Family" --- debuting later this year with Roma Downey, Mark Burnett and MGM Studios. Karen is also an adjunct professor of writing at Liberty University. She lives in Tennessee with her husband, Don, and their five sons, three of whom are adopted from Haiti. Their actress daughter, Kelsey, lives nearby and is married to Christian recording artist Kyle Kupecky. The couple recently welcomed their first child, Hudson.

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