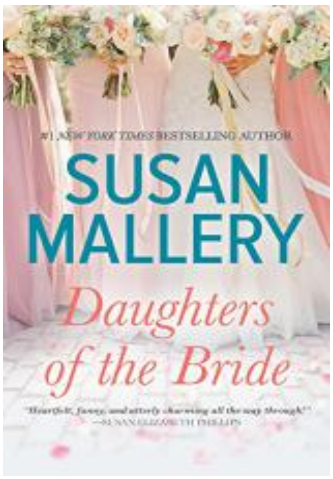
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Daughters of the Bride

by Susan Mallery



About the Book

With Joy, Love and a Little Trepidation, Courtney, Sienna and Rachel Invite You to the Most Emotional Wedding of the Year?Their Mother's

Courtney

~ The Misfit ~

As the awkward one, Courtney Watson may not be as together as her sisters, but she excels at one thing --- keeping secrets, including her white-hot affair with a sexy music producer. Planning Mom's wedding exposes her startling hidden life, changing her family's view of her --- and how she views herself --- forever.

Sienna

~ The Free Spirit ~

When Sienna's boyfriend proposes --- in front of her mom and sisters, for crying out loud --- he takes her by surprise. She already has two broken engagements under her belt. Should she say "I do" even if she's not sure she does?

Rachel

~ The Cynic ~

Rachel thought love would last forever?right up until her divorce. As Mom's wedding day draws near and her ex begs for a second chance, she's forced to acknowledge some uncomfortable truths about why her marriage failed, and decide if she'll let pride stand in the way of her own happily-ever-after.

Discussion Guide

1. Perhaps the strongest theme in DAUGHTERS OF THE BRIDE was that of being brave. How did each of the storylines illustrate this theme? Did you recognize any other themes in the book?

2. Which character experienced the greatest transformation? What were the turning points that led to this transformation?

3. How did the sisters' relationship with each other change? How did their relationship with Maggie change? What story events led to these changes?

4. The first time Maggie got married, she didn't get the wedding of her dreams because her mother made all the decisions. This time around, Maggie is determined to get the wedding she dreamed of when she was a teenager. What choices would you have made if you were planning the wedding of your teenage dreams?

5. Who were the point-of-view characters in this book? Why do you think Mallery chose to tell the story through those characters? Were there any other characters through whose eyes you'd like to have seen parts of the story?

6. What did you think about the way that Courtney dealt with the mean girl at Quinn's party? Have you ever had to deal with a mean girl? Or have you ever been a mean girl, yourself?

7. Rachel trying to do it all alone ---like a lot of mothers. Do you find it hard to ask for help? Did asking for help make Rachel weaker or stronger? Why?

8. Why do you think Sienna accepted David's proposal in the first place?

9. Quinn didn't just accept Courtney for who she is --- he desired her and admired her for it. How do you think this changed how Courtney viewed herself? And how did Courtney's view of herself impact the way her sisters and her mom saw her?

10. Rachel and Greg's happy ending took place in the linen closet at the Los Lobos Hotel. (Yes, a "happy ending" in both senses of the phrase.) Where is the most unusual place where you've made love?

Menu suggestion:

Roasted Acorn Squash Bisque

Honey-Lime Salmon

Drunken Honey Bee Cupcakes

Recipes can be found at www.DaughtersoftheBride.com, where you'll also find details on how to set up a phone call or a Skype chat with Susan Mallery and your book club!

Author Bio

Susan Mallery is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of novels about the relationships that shape women's lives ---

family, friendship, romance.

Library Journal says, ?Mallery is the master of blending emotionally believable characters in realistic situations," and readers seem to agree --- 40 million copies of her books have sold worldwide. Her warm, humorous stories make the world a happier place to live. She?s passionate about animal welfare, which shows in the many quirky animal characters she has created.

Susan grew up in California and now lives in Seattle with her husband.

Critical Praise

"Susan Mallery never disappoints and with DAUGHTERS OF THE BRIDE she is at her storytelling best."

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