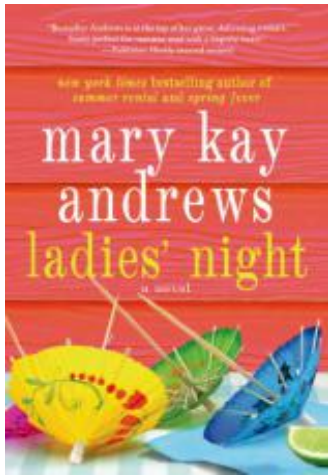


# Ladies' Night

by Mary Kay Andrews

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## About the Book

Grace Stanton's life as a rising media star and beloved lifestyle blogger takes a surprising turn when she catches her husband cheating and torpedoes his pricey sports car straight into the family swimming pool. Grace suddenly finds herself locked out of her palatial home, checking account, and even the blog she has worked so hard to develop in her signature style. Moving in with her widowed mother, who owns and lives above a rundown beach bar called The Sandbox, is less than ideal. So is attending court-mandated weekly "divorce recovery" therapy sessions with three other women and one man for whom betrayal seems to be the only commonality. When their "divorce coach" starts to act suspiciously, they decide to start having their own Wednesday "Ladies' Night" sessions at The Sandbox, and the unanticipated bonds that develop lead the members of the group to try and find closure in ways they never imagined. Can Grace figure out a new way home and discover how strong she needs to be to get there?

Heartache, humor, and a little bit of mystery come together in a story about life's unpredictable twists and turns. LADIES' NIGHT will have you raising a glass and cheering these characters on.

## Discussion Guide

1. Some of the main themes of the novel are betrayal, revenge, redemption, rebuilding. How would you say that each of these plays a role in the novel?
2. In the opening chapter, Grace explodes into anger. Do you feel she had a disproportionate response? Why do we enjoy reading about such spectacular acts of revenge? How would you have acted under the same circumstances?
3. Why do you think Ben acted so unfairly towards Grace? What do you think is the most unfair thing he did?

4. What are all the things you dislike about J?Aimee?
5. How are Wyatt?s and Grace?s marriages the same? How are they different? What do you think played a role in their attraction to one another?
6. What do you think were some of Callie?s more reprehensible actions? Is she a redeemable character?
7. Why do you think it was so important for Grace to renovate the little beach house? How did it parallel the renovation of Grace?s life?
8. Is Jungle Jerry?s a metaphor in the book? If so, for what and why?
9. At what moment did you dislike Paula the most? Did this ever change?
10. Out of Camryn, Suzanne, or Ashleigh, which character did you relate to the most? The least? And why?
11. Which character in the book is the most wronged?
12. Why do you think the Stackpoles of the world can get away with so much?
13. Which is more heinous:the theft of intellectual property (like Grace's blog) or the destruction of physical property?
14. In what ways is Nelson an unsung hero in the story? What about Rochelle?
15. If you could have five people (living or dead) at your own weekly ?Ladies? Night? who would they be? What would you serve and what would you talk about?
16. How do you think a group of friends can help in tough times? How does a group sometimes offer support in a way that one close friend can not?
17. Have you ever had an instance where someone you instantly disliked turned out to be a true friend?

## **Author Bio**

Mary Kay Andrews is the *New York Times* bestselling author of 30 novels and a cookbook, THE BEACH HOUSE COOKBOOK.

A native of St. Petersburg, Florida, she earned a B.A. in journalism from The University of Georgia. After a 14-year career working as a reporter at newspapers including *The Savannah Morning News*, *The Marietta Journal* and *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, where she spent the final 10 years of her career, she left journalism in 1991 to write fiction.

Her first novel, *EVERY CROOKED NANNY*, was published in 1992 by HarperCollins. She went on to write 10 critically acclaimed mysteries under her real name, Kathy Hogan Trocheck. In 2002, she assumed the pen name Mary Kay Andrews with the publication of *SAVANNAH BLUES*. In 2006, *HISSY FIT* became her first *New York Times* bestseller, followed by 14 more *New York Times*, *USA Today* and *Publisher's Weekly* bestsellers. To date, her novels have been published in German, Italian, Polish, Slovenian, Hungarian, Dutch, Czech and Japanese.

She and her family divide their time between Atlanta and Tybee Island, GA, where they cook up new recipes in two restored beach homes, The Breeze Inn and Ebbtide --- both named after fictional places in Mary Kay's novels, and both available to rent through Tybee Vacation Rentals. In between cooking, spoiling her grandkids and plotting her next novel, Mary Kay is an intrepid treasure hunter whose favorite pastime is junking and fixing up old houses.

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