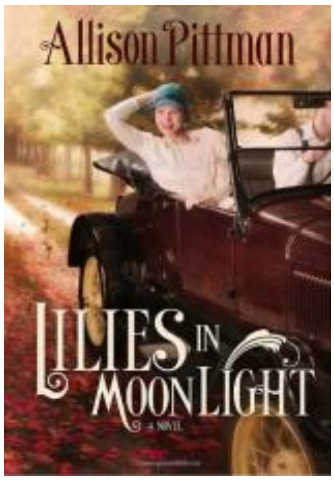
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Lilies in Moonlight

by Allison Pittman



About the Book

He?d lost his zest for life. She was just lost. Will they find the healing and love they long for?

After a roaring night on the town, fun-loving flapper Lilly Margolis, dazed and disoriented, twists her ankle and falls into the backyard of a wealthy family where the effects of the Great War --- over for more than half a decade --- are still endured. Inside the walls of the Burnside mansion, Cullen Burnside, a disillusioned and disfigured veteran, and his widowed mother, Betty Ruth, who daily slips a little further into dementia, lead a lonely existence ? until Lilly. Whimsical, lighthearted, and beautiful, she rejuvenates their sad, disconnected lives and blossoms in the light of their attention.

But Lilly, like Cullen, is hiding from a painful past. And when Cullen insists on returning her to her faraway home, their budding attraction seems destined to die on the vine. The resulting road trip becomes a journey of self-discovery --- but what will Cullen and Lilly find at journey?s end?

Discussion Guide

1. As a flapper, Lilly represents a major shift in the way women were viewed and treated. What aspects of this ?new? woman represented a change for the better? for the worse?

2. Would you describe Lilly?s leaving home as an act of rebellion or escape?

3. In 2 Corinthians Paul wrote of the importance of being impressed not by what is seen but rather what is in the heart. He wrote: ?If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you? (2 Corinthians 5:13, niv). How does this verse relate to Betty Ruth? to Cullen? to Lilly?

4. The Tutwiler Hotel and the Knockabout Campsite represent two extremes of lodging for a family road trip. Which of the two would you prefer? Why?

5. The tent revival saw a huge upsurge in popularity during the 1920s. Why do you think that is? What does such a service offer that an ordinary Sunday worship service in a church does not?

6. If he were alive, how do you think Davis Burnside, Cullen?s father, would have reacted to Lilly?

7. Dave Voyant makes an appearance in this story. In both **Stealing Home** and **The Bridegrooms**, we see him as a sports reporter more interested in the personal lives of athletes than their scores and statistics. How important is the human-interest aspect of professional sports figures? Do we care about the story behind the statistic?

8. Lilly grew up in a Christian home, yet she had to leave it to find a true relationship with Jesus. How can we strike a balance between upholding high moral standards and affording grace?

9. Lilies in Moonlight touches on the theme of healing. How is Cullen healed? Lilly? Betty Ruth?

10. What will it take to heal the relationship between Lilly and her mother? If you were Lilly?s friend, would you encourage her to pursue reconciliation?

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