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Love Finds You in Treasure Island, Florida

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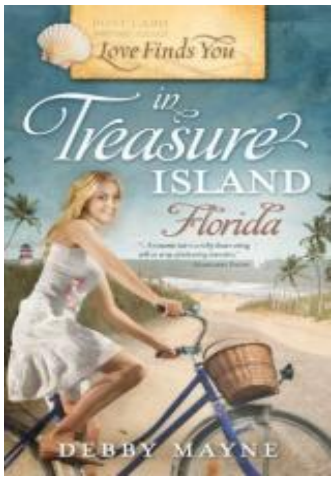

About the Book

Amanda, a bicycle shop owner in Treasure Island, Florida, and Jerry, a businessman from Atlanta, have always put their personal lives on hold to care for needy family members. After being jilted at the altar and never knowing her father, Amanda doesn?t want to risk the pain that love inevitably brings. Jerry?s parents face insurmountable obstacles after being diagnosed with age-related illnesses, so he puts his personal life on the back burner so he can always be there for them. They try to deny their mutual attraction, but everyone else makes it their business to bring them together. Is it possible that Jerry?s father, who refuses to give up on his never-ending and annoying treasure hunt, knows something that they all need to pay attention to?

Discussion Guide

1. What is the major theme of the book?

2. Should Amanda continue to resist love after being jilted at the altar? Why or why not?

3. How does Amanda really feel about staying in Treasure Island?

4. Why is Lacy so resistant to growing up? What does this have to do with Amanda?

5. Is Amanda justified in getting annoyed when her sister has trouble with one child in her kindergarten class? Why or why not?

6. Is Jerry justified in his feelings toward his siblings for putting their spouses and children ahead of their parents?

7. Should Amanda be concerned about Jerry's attentiveness to his parents? Why or why not?

8. What kinds of frustrations do Rosemary and Harold have in their marriage?

9. Is there a chance for Lacy and Brad to have an honest, open relationship? If so, how? If not, why not?

10. What does Amanda's bicycle shop represent in her life?

11. What is the foundation for the bond between Harold and Timmy?

12. Does Harold really know deep down what the treasure is that he's looking for?

13. What is the central theme of this story? What makes the setting of this story unique? How does the setting tie in to the theme?

14. How do Amanda and Jerry grow or change in this story?

15. How did you feel about Harold and Rosemary? Did anything about their health issues make you uncomfortable? Have you ever had to deal with a relative or close friend with Alzheimer's or Parkinson's?

16. What does the bicycle helmet symbolize in the relationship between Amanda and Jerry? Rosemary and Harold? Lacy and Brad? Lacy and Timmy? Harold and Timmy?

Author Bio

Debby Mayne has published more than 25 books and novellas, 400 short stories and articles, and a slew of devotions for women. She has also worked as managing editor of a national health magazine, product information writer for HSN, a creative writing instructor for Long Ridge Writers Group, and a copy editor and proofreader for several book publishers. For the past seven years, she has judged the Writers Digest Annual Competition, Short-Short Contest, and Self-Published Book Competition.

Awards:

Three of Debby?s books have been top ten favorites by the Heartsong Presents book club.

Debby was in the top ten favorite Heartsong Presents authors.

She has had novellas in three anthologies that made the CBA bestseller list.

Love Finds You in Treasure Island, Florida received 4-1/2 stars from Romantic Times Magazine, and was named a Top Pick for the month of July.

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Critical Praise

"Mayne writes a wonderful novel about all of life's relationships, including son to aging parents, sister to sister, friend to friend, grandfather to grandson and, of course, love between a woman and a man. It's wonderful how she weaves all these different and complex relationships into one story and keeps it moving. This is one novel that will be treasured long after the final page is turned."

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