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Reclaiming Nick: Noble Legacy #1

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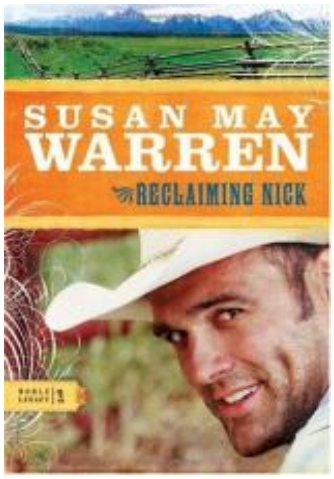

About the Book

Nick Noble hadn?t planned on being the prodigal son. But when his father dies and leaves half of Silver Buckle --- the Noble family ranch --- to Nick?s former best friend, he must return home to face his mistakes, and guarantee that the Silver Buckle stays in the Noble family. Award-winning journalist Piper Sullivan believes Nick framed her brother for murder, and she?s determined to find justice. But following Nick to the Silver Buckle and posing as a ranch cook proves more challenging than she thinks. So does resisting his charming smile. As Nick seeks to overturn his father?s will --- and Piper digs for answers --- family secrets surface that send Nick?s life into a tailspin. But there?s someone who?s out to take the Silver Buckle from the Noble family, and he?ll stop at nothing --- even murder --- to make it happen.

Discussion Guide

1. As the book opens, Nick is working at a café, not at the profession he has been trained for. What was his motivation to work there? What has made his feelings of failure heavier? Have you, or someone you know, ever experienced failure like this? If so, how was it overcome?

2. Piper is convinced that Nick has sent her brother to jail falsely and she wants to ?prove Nick?s guilt.? What is driving her to do this?

3. Nick hasn?t been home for ten years. When he drives into Phillips, memories rush back to him. Why did he leave town? What are his goals in returning?

4. What does the kind of welcome that Nick receives when he returns --- from Stefanie, Maggie and Cole --- tell you about the kind of person he was when he left?

5. Cole is dying and has given up. Have you ever felt so overwhelmed with something that you simply give up? What

would you do to reach someone like Cole? What would you want someone to do for you if you were in Cole?s shoes?

6. Maggie finally tells Nick the secret she?s kept for years. Have you ever harbored a secret that you finally had to tell? In this situation, would you have told Nick? Do you think it was right to keep the secret that Maggie kept?

7. Nick makes a life-threatening sacrifice to help Cole. Do you think he does it out of guilt or shame? What is the difference, if any, between guilt and shame? What do you think is a stronger motivator?

8. Piper has a painful past, which has affected her faith in God. When she hears the story from the book of *Mark*, chapter five, of the woman with the bleeding disorder, Piper identifies with the woman and feels as if she is somehow unable to escape her wounds. How has she changed by the end of the novel? Do you think it?s possible to ever completely heal from our wounds?

9. How has Nick changed by the end of the story? What is the impetus for this change?

10. There are a number of symbols in the book --- the petrified rock, Maggie?s dying cow, the name Noble. How did each of these play into the spiritual journeys of the characters? Do you see a parallel to your own spiritual walk?

Author Bio

Susan May Warren is the bestselling, Christy and RITA Award?winning author of more than 40 novels whose compelling plots and unforgettable characters have won acclaim with readers and reviewers alike. She served with her husband and four children as a missionary in Russia for eight years before she and her family returned home to the States. She now writes full-time as her husband runs a lodge on Lake Superior in northern Minnesota, where many of her books are set. She and her family enjoy hiking, canoeing, and being involved in their local church.

Susan holds a BA in mass communications from the University of Minnesota. Several of her critically acclaimed novels have been ECPA and CBA bestsellers, were chosen as Top Picks by *Romantic Times,* and have won the RWA's Inspirational Reader's Choice contest and the American Christian Fiction Writers Book of the Year award. Five of her books have been Christy Award finalists. In addition to her writing, Susan loves to teach and speak at women's events about God's amazing grace in our lives.

Critical Praise

"**In Reclaiming Nick**, Susan May Warren once again delivers that perfect contemporary combination of heart-pumping suspense and heart-warming romance. In her trademark, fast-paced storytelling style, Susan keeps the reader enthralled and invested from page one to a very satisfying ending. I can?t wait for book two in this fabulous new series!"

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