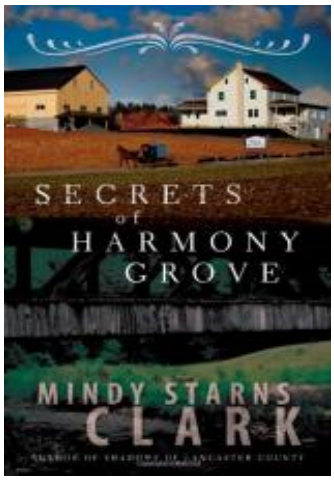
Secrets of Harmony Grove

by Mindy Starns Clark



About the Book

Philadelphia advertising executive Sienna Collins learns she is under investigation by the federal government for crimes she knows nothing about. Suspecting the matter has something to do with one of her investments, the Harmony Grove Bed & Breakfast in Lancaster County, she heads there only to find her ex-boyfriend dead and the manager of the B and B unconscious. As Sienna?s life and livelihood spin wildly out of control, she begins to doubt everyone around her, even the handsome detective assigned to the case.

As Sienna searches for the truth and tries to clear her name, she is forced to depend on the faith of her childhood, the wisdom of the Amish, and the insight of the man she has recently begun dating. She?ll need all the help she can get, because the secrets she uncovers in Harmony Grove are threatening not just her bed-and-breakfast, but also her credibility, her beliefs, and ultimately her life.

Following up on her bestselling Amish romantic suspense, **Shadows of Lancaster County**, Mindy Starns Clark returns to Pennsylvania to offer another exciting standalone novel, one full of mystery, hidden dangers, and the life-giving truth of God?s forgiveness and grace.

Discussion Guide

1. The grove is an important part of the story. Did you feel a real sense of place when Sienna was there? If so, how do you think that was accomplished?

2. It?s obvious from the first chapter that Sienna has scars inside and out from an incident in her past. When that incident is finally described, does that seem to come at the correct point in the story? Should it have come sooner? Later? How do you feel when a significant part of a character?s past is withheld for too long --- or revealed too soon?

3. Liesl says that she is like a kite and her husband is the string. Did this analogy resonate with you? Which of these two might you and your spouse/significant other be, if either?

4. The epic poem The Metamorphoses is about unrequited love. How did this parallel the relationship between Abe and Daphne? Between Sienna and Heath?

5. In one of Daphne?s poems, she condemns those who looked away during the Holocaust, saying they were as guilty as those who actively participated. Do you agree? How did that parallel Sienna?s experience from ten years before?

6. In the story, Sienna chooses between Heath and Mike. Were you happy with her final choice? How do you feel about the saying ?opposites attract?? In what ways should a successful couple be alike and in what ways can they be opposites?

7. At one point, Sienna muses that she?s more like her grandfather than she had previously realized. Do you agree? In what ways are they similar, and in what ways are they different?

8. What is your stance on nonviolence and turning the other cheek? How tolerant are you of Christians who take the opposite position? Has your opinion been changed at all by reading this book?

9. As you read the story, did you think the diamonds had already been found? If not, where did you think they were hidden?

10. This book deals with a number of weighty topics. In spite of that, when you were finished, did you feel uplifted? Why or why not?

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Mindy Starns Clark is the author of many books, which include the popular *Smart Chick Mysteries*, WHISPERS OF THE BAYOU, SHADOWS OF LANCASTER COUNTY and UNDER THE CAJUN MOON. In addition, Mindy?s plays and musicals have been featured in schools and churches across the United States.

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