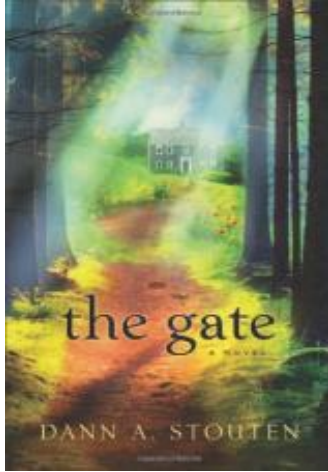


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## About the Book

**Every life is a story. Schuyler Hunt is about to come face-to-face with the author of his.**

When a planned getaway with his wife turns into a shopping trip for the girls, Schuyler Hunt finds himself looking for something else to do. An ad for a vacation cottage catches his eye, and he sets off in search of a much-needed break. When he arrives, he finds something far different from the typical summer home experience. In fact, he may have found a little slice of heaven.

The proprietor --- along with a number of unexpected and yet familiar guests --- welcomes him with food, rest, and conversation, until what started out as an escape from everyday life turns into something much, much more...

## Discussion Guide

1. What happens to us when we die?
2. How do we get to heaven?
3. What is heaven like?
4. What will we look like in heaven?
5. Will we know each other in heaven?
6. Will we work in heaven?

7. Who would you want to see first when you get to heaven?
8. Who would you be surprised to see in heaven?
9. What life lessons have you learned from the people in your inner circle?
10. What would you do over in life if God gave you the chance?
11. How much of life is choice and how much is chance?
12. Who is making an impact on your life, and who are you impacting?
13. What is God like?
14. When Jesus came as a servant, was he revealing who God really is?
15. How would you describe the Holy Spirit?

## Author Bio

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## Critical Praise

"There is a real world all around us. We taste and feel it every day. There is also another world where God dwells and those who have gone before us live with Jesus. Dann Stouten helps us discover that these two places intersect more than we often notice. If we pay close attention, we just might see, smell, and learn to taste the goodness of a world beyond this one."

— Kevin Harney, author of *RECKLESS FAITH*

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