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# The Next Mrs. Parrish

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### About the Book

Daphne and Amber Parrish are thrust back into each other?s lives upon the resurgence of a long-forgotten threat, forcing a vicious game of cat and mouse where everything is on the line, in this thrilling sequel to the million-copy-bestselling Reese?s Book Club pick THE LAST MRS. PARRISH.

Amber Patterson Parrish has come a long way. Hard work and immaculate planning turned her from invisible wallflower to prominent socialite, though there have been bumps along the way. Less than a year after her husband Jackson?s tax-evasion scandal, Amber reigns supreme over the Bishops Harbor community. But with Jackson being released from prison, Amber?s free time --- and money --- is vanishing.

Meanwhile, Daphne Parrish left Bishops Harbor after her divorce from Jackson, swearing she would never go back. But when one of her daughters runs away from home, desperate to see her father, Daphne agrees to return for the summer for their daughters? sake. Jackson swears he?s a changed man, but Daphne knows all too well that he can?t be trusted.

When a ghost from Amber?s past emerges looking for revenge, these three figures find unlikely allies in one another. But who is playing who? When all is said and done, they?ll have to fight tooth and nail for everything they have left in this zero-sum game.

With shocking turns and entertaining characters, THE NEXT MRS. PARRISH will make you rethink everything you thought you knew about duplicity and betrayal.

## **Discussion Guide**

**1.** THE NEXT MRS. PARRISH explores a number of themes, including wealth and privilege, identity, manipulation, deception and revenge. Which themes resonated with you the most? Were there any specific moments or passages that

stood out in exploring these themes?

**2.** Let?s delve into the characters of Daphne, Amber, Daisy Ann and Jackson. What motivated each character in THE NEXT MRS. PARRISH? How did their relationships shift and evolve as the story progressed? Were there any unexpected alliances formed among them?

3. How did Daphne?s knowledge of Jackson?s true nature influence the events and dynamics between the characters?

**4.** How did the narrative structure of the book --- shifting between Daphne, Amber and Daisy Ann?s perspectives --- shape your understanding of the characters and their motivations?

**5.** Consider the theme of manipulation and its consequences. How do characters like Amber and Daphne manipulate others to achieve their desires? What are the repercussions of their manipulations, both for themselves and the people around them?

**6.** How does the setting of the Bishops Harbor community and its social hierarchy contribute to the plot? Explore the impact of the environment on the characters? motivations and decisions.

**7.** Explore the concept of sacrifice in the book. Which characters make sacrifices for the sake of others, and how does this impact their relationships and personal growth?

**8.** Analyze the concept of justice in the novel. Do the characters receive the justice they deserve by the end? How does the exploration of justice contribute to the overall message of the story?

**9.** How do the secondary characters like Meredith, Mason and the residents of Bishops Harbor add depth to the story and influence the main characters? arcs?

**10.** How do the characters? roles as parents impact their actions, decisions and relationships with each other, considering that the children serve as the connecting elements between Daphne, Amber and Jackson? Discuss the portrayal of parental relationships and the influence of family dynamics throughout the novel.

**11.** How did you feel about the book?s ending? Did it satisfy you, or were there aspects that left you wanting more? Discuss your interpretation of the final events.

**12.** Reflecting on the themes and events of the novel, how does THE NEXT MRS. PARRISH comment on the darker aspects of human nature? What insights or messages did you take away from the book?

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