The Shop on Royal Street

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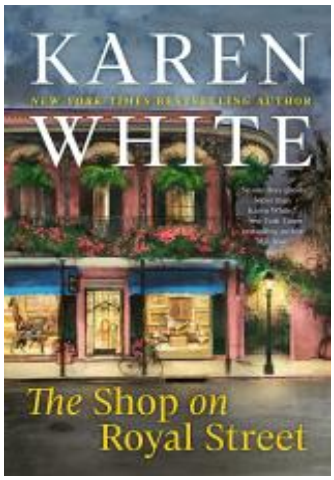

About the Book

Nola Trenholm is hopeful for a fresh start in the Big Easy but must deal with ghosts from her past --- as well as new ones --- in this first book in a spinoff series of Karen White's *New York Times* bestselling *Tradd Street* novels.

After a difficult detour on her road to adulthood, Nola Trenholm is looking to begin anew in New Orleans, and what better way to start her future than with her first house? But the historic fixer-upper she buys comes with even more work than she anticipated when the house?s previous occupants don?t seem to be ready to depart.

Although she can?t communicate with ghosts like her stepmother can, luckily Nola knows someone in New Orleans who is able to --- even if he?s the last person on earth she wants anything to do with ever again. Beau Ryan comes with his own dark past --- a past that involves the disappearance of his sister and parents during Hurricane Katrina --- and he?s connected to the unsolved murder of a woman who once lived in the old Creole cottage Nola is determined to make her own...whether the resident restless spirits agree or not.

Discussion Guide

1. Why do you think Nola wanted to own the house so much? Do you think there is a truth about being connected to a house?

2. Do you think Beau has a sixth sense, like Melanie (if you are familiar with the *Tradd Street* series)? Why do you think he is not yet ready to admit it?

3. What do you think of Nola?s future romantic suitors? Did you like one over the other?

4. Jolene is a contrast to Nola in so many ways. How do you think their friendship works the way it does? Do you have

someone like a Jolene or Nola in your life?

5. What makes the setting of New Orleans so special to this book? Do you think it could have been set anywhere else in the United States?

6. What do you make of Beau?s grandmother, Mimi? Do you think she has other secrets she is hiding?

7. Are there any characters from the *Tradd Street* series that you would like to reappear in the new series?

8. What do you think is next in store for Nola? Where do you see the series going?

Author Bio

With almost two million books in print in 15 different languages, Karen White is the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of 38 novels. Her latest releases include THAT LAST CAROLINA SUMMER; and THE LADY ON ESPLANADE, the third book in her New Orleans-set mystery series. She grew up in London but now lives near Atlanta, Georgia.

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