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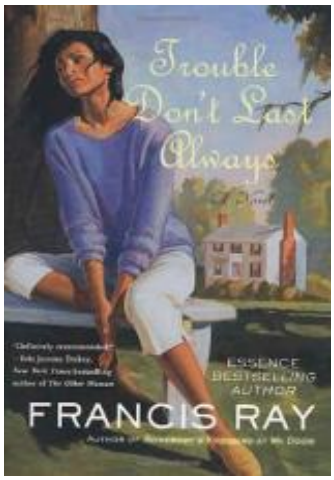
Trouble Don't Last Always

by Francis Ray



About the Book

Desperate to escape her abusive marriage, Lilly Crawford files for divorce, then slips away from her small east Texas hometown with little more than the clothes on her back. She points her twelve-year-old car east, hoping to find a new beginning. When her car breaks down in Louisiana, Lilly finds unexpected employment as the caregiver for a wealthy neurosurgeon named Adam Wakefield, who lost his sight in a recent carjacking. At first, this handsome, brooding man reminds her too much of the angry husband she left behind and she reminds him of how far he has fallen from the self-assured man he once was. But as the two spend long days together, an unexpected bond develops---one that will be deeply tested. For Lilly must confront her violent husband before she can ever hope to move on and truly discover a second chance at life and love.

This stunning story is gripping and unforgettable tale told with Francis Ray's trademark emotion and passion.

Discussion Guide

1. Did Lilly pay too high a price by staying with Myron? Do you agree with her reasons for staying? Why or why not?

2. What is the one thing that you feel you could never forgive your significant other for?

3. Should Adam share the blame with the carjackers for his blindness?

4. How did Lilly's and Adam's families influence their lives?

5. What part did faith play in the lives of Lilly and Adam?

6. What lesson about life and love did all the characters have to learn?

7. Has there been a turning point in your life, and if so, who or what influenced it and how has it changed your life?

8. With no definite plans and little resources, Lilly stepped out on faith to find a better life for herself. Do you think you would have the same courage and determination in her place? Why or why not?

9. When life gets tough, what helps you to remember that trouble doesn't last always? What helped Lilly and Adam to remember?

10. Domestic violence is often viewed as a family crime and not reported. If you were aware of someone in an abusive relationship, how would you handle the situation?

11. When Lilly first met Myron he was cordial and caring. Adam was harsh and rude to her. Both men said they loved her. Only one told the truth. Can a woman always tell if a man loves her? Explain your answer.

Author Bio

Bestselling author Francis Ray is a native Texan who lives in Dallas with her husband and daughter. Currently she has nineteen books in print, including **Trouble Don't Last Always** and is featured in five anthologies from St. Martin's Paperbacks.

Critical Praise

"With flair, Francis Ray gives each character immense heart and humanity. . .an engaging novel about family. It deserves a coveted spot on every reader's bookshelf."

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