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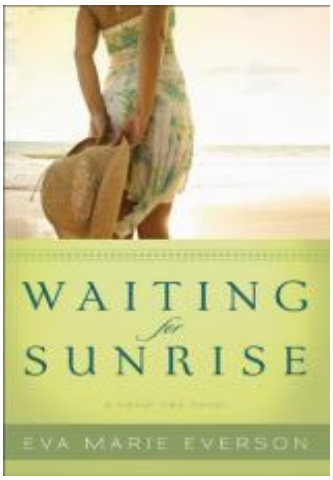
# Waiting for Sunrise: A Cedar Key Novel

by Eva Marie Everson




## About the Book

**Sometimes finding your future means making peace with your past**.

Patsy Milstrap wishes she could leave her past behind. Though she tries to put on a brave front for the sake of her family, the wounds still ache, and the scars on her soul are still deeply felt. At her concerned husband's gentle insistence, they take a vacation from South Carolina on Cedar Key, an idyllic island on Florida's Gulf Coast. A week in paradise will do them good, he says.

When a familiar --- and most unexpected --- face greets her at a seaside restaurant, Patsy knows she can no longer run from the past. But what will opening old wounds mean? And what will the future hold?

With a large helping of Southern charm, WAITING FOR SUNRISE is a touching story of family, young love, and the need for forgiveness. Eva Marie Everson expertly draws out the bittersweet moments of life, weaving them into a tale that will envelop your soul.

## Discussion Guide

**1.** Did you have a favorite character in **Waiting for Sunrise**? If so, who? Why?

**2.** In may ways, both Bernice and Gilbert represent Christ. In what ways do you see this as being true? What other characters represent Christ or do you see as having been strategically placed in the lives of both Patsy and Billy?

**3.** Why do you feel Bernice initially was not able to leave her husband to save herself and her sons (or Patsy)?

**4.** What eventually gave her the strength to do so?

**5.** How is it that Billy and Harold grew up in the same home yet had such different life stories?

**6.** Why do you think Patsy was so attracted to Gil? What was the author?s point in having her ?bump into him? on the bus?

**7.** Patsy suffered from PTSD and abandonment issues, two things not commonly heard of in ?her day.? What do you know about these illnesses/conditions?

**8.** Why did Billy want Ira Liddle?s name off his birth certificate?

**9.** How had Patsy?s life experiences led her to advise her brother Lloyd about leaving his wife ?alone?? What did this reveal about her?

**10.** Why do you feel the author allowed Bernice to die before Patsy could find her again? How might the ending have been different had she been alive?

## Author Bio

Eva Marie Everson is a multiple-award-winning author and speaker. She is the president of Word Weavers International, vice president of BelieversTrust, director of Florida Christian Writers Conference, and enjoys coaching new authors through her company, Pen in Hand. Eva Marie and her husband are the parents of three fabulous children who have blessed them with the world's greatest grandchildren.

## Critical Praise

?Everson?s work is neatly done, and her fans will find value in her presentation of life?s lack of tidiness, which reads both realistically and convincingly.?

? *Publishers Weekly*

?Everson?s evocative writing puts the reader in the midst of the gorgeous seaside setting.?

? *RT Book Reviews*

?Everson knows how to create a well-crafted tale.?

? Alice Wisler, author of A WEDDING INVITATION

?Everson charms her readers with characters you?d love to have as friends. Then she places them in a setting where you?d love to be.?

? *Novel Reviews*

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