



Reading Group Guide

Enchanted Isle

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This reading group guide includes a book summary and book club discussion questions for *Enchanted Isle*. If you'd like Melanie to speak with your book club, please contact her through her website (melaniedobson.com).

Book Summary

In the spring of 1958, Jenny Winter embarks on a two-month adventure to one of the most enchanting places on earth, a quaint village in England's magical Lake District. Adrian Kemp, a handsome and enigmatic local, makes the sightseeing even more beguiling—and he's about to invite Jenny into one of the area's most enduring legends.

When Adrian shows Jenny his late father's abandoned dream, a deserted island amusement park, she glimpses a kindred spirit in this reckless, haunted young man. Yet as she opens her heart to Adrian, the two stumble into a labyrinth of mystery leading back a generation to an unforgettable romance and an unsolved murder that still casts a shadow over the lakes. As long-held secrets come to light, it's left to Jenny and Adrian to put the past to rest and restore a lost dream.

Questions for Discussion

- 1) What are some of the favorite places you remember visiting as a child, and how did those places mold you? Have you returned to any of those places as an adult?
- 2) Not everyone appreciated Jenny's inclination to step outside reality when her imagination sprouted pictures and stories on its own. What do you think are the positive aspects of having a vivid imagination? What are the challenges?
- 3) What were some of the other unique giftings of the characters in this story? What unique ways has God gifted you?
- 4) Did you have an adult in your younger years who appreciated your unique abilities? How did he or she impact your life? How have you encouraged those in the next generation?
- 5) Adrian was deeply conflicted about the love and loyalty that he had for his father and the reality of what he thought his father had done. Do you think Adrian was justified in his frustration? How do you forgive someone who has failed you?
- 6) In many cultures around the world, a good reputation is more valuable than any material possession. How can someone overcome a bad reputation tied to themselves or their family?

- 7) Mrs. Moore forgave Adrian for his part in Tom's death, but Adrian still struggled to forgive himself. What did he need in order to accept this forgiveness?
- 8) Why do you think the author used glass imagery throughout the book? What are some of your favorite symbols in the story?
- 9) The heart of this story is about repairing the shattered pieces of a relationship. How did some of the characters mend their relationships? And why did other characters refuse to fix what had been broken?
- 10) In the Bible, the prophet Isaiah talks about God caring for those who grieve by replacing ashes with a crown of beauty and despair with a garment of praise. Does anything in this story remind you of that verse?
- 11) Have you been able to accomplish any of the dreams you had as a child? How are your dreams for the future different now than when you were young?