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She’s in a Better Place: Fairlawn Series #3

by Angela Hunt

About the Book

Jennifer Graham is struggling to make ends meet while running the Fairlawn Funeral Home, raising two children, and studying for her national board exam. Her work takes on a new dimension when Gerald Huffman, her assistant and mentor, reveals that he has a serious illness. When she learns that he and his daughter haven't spoken in years, Jen decides to help them reconcile... but things don't go exactly as she planned. Jennifer is longing for stability in her life... but she soon discovers that life isn't stagnant; it's always changing. Once again, the mortuary is a setting for lessons of laughter, love, and life.

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Discussion Guide

1. Have you read the first two Fairlawn books, **Doesn't She Look Natural?** and **She Always Wore Red**? If so, how has Jennifer changed since the day she first heard that she'd inherited the Fairlawn Funeral Home?

2. What do you think the author intended as a theme in **She's in a Better Place**? Who's in a better place at the end of the story?

3. Do you have a favorite recurring character in these books? Who is it, and why do you like this character? Which character reminds you most of yourself?

4. Has reading books set in a funeral home changed your view of death or mortuaries in any way?

5. Leticia Gansky planned a fake funeral because she felt invisible and ignored. Have you ever felt this way? Have you found a “cure” for this condition?

6. If you had to write a slogan for a funeral home, what would you suggest?

7. Gerald thought of Kirsten as his prodigal daughter. Do you have a prodigal in your life? Did this story affect your feelings about that person?

8. Why do you think Kirsten rebelled in her teenage years? Could Gerald and Evelyn have prevented this?

9. What did you think of Jen's decision to hold her wedding in such an unusual setting?

10. What do you think Kirsten will do with the rest of her life?

11. Would you recommend this series to other readers? Why or why not?

12. Have you given any thought to what sort of funeral you would like? What would you request to make sure the experience was memorable? What sort of memorial message would you want shared with your guests?

Author Bio

With nearly five million copies of her books sold worldwide, Angela Hunt is the *New York Times* bestselling author of THE TALE OF THREE TREES, THE NOTE and THE NATIVITY STORY. Angela's novels have won or been nominated for several prestigious industry awards, including the RITA Award, the Christy Award, the ECPA Christian Book Award and the HOLT Medallion Award. Romantic Times Book Club presented Angela with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006. In 2008, she completed her doctorate in Biblical Studies and is currently completing her Th.D. Angela and her husband live in Florida, along with their mastiffs.

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