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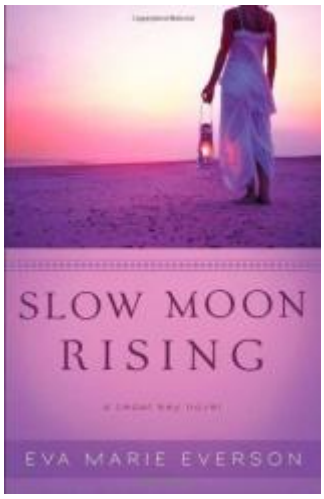
Slow Moon Rising: A Cedar Key Novel

by Eva Marie Everson



About the Book

One family, one secret --- and one chance to make it right

The beautiful Claybourne home on Cedar Key has long been a place of rest, healing and release. Each member of the family has turned there in times of confusion, loss and hurt, only to feel their spirits renewed and their hearts restored.

But Cedar Key might also be the birthplace of a lie that is poisoning the family from within.

Join the five Claybourne women --- Anise, Kimberly, Jayme-Leigh, Heather and Ami --- as they search the past and confront the truth. Their unique paths will lead them through heartbreak, misunderstandings and pain. But their journeys will also bring reconciliation with each other and the precious renewal of love in their own lives.

In her lyrical, evocative fashion, Eva Marie Everson weaves a tapestry of complicated relationships that, when complete, reveals the most beautiful work of art there is --- family.

Discussion Guide

1. SLOW MOON RISING is a story of family dynamics and secrets. Beginning with Anise (the newcomer), what do you think drew her to Ross Claybourne?

2. Do you think Heather was justified in the way she felt about Anise? In the way she treated her?

3. In spite of difficult beginnings, Anise kept the Spirit of Christ in her. How difficult is this to do in the face of such opposition? Have you ever experienced such a time?

4. The oldest Claybourne daughter, Kimberly, is willing to give her husband a second chance after his affair. He is not interested, however. Life, on the other hand, gives Kim a second chance through Steven (their story is told in CHASING SUNSETS, Revell 2011). How do you feel about divorce and remarriage within the church? Do you think Kimberly and Steven were “clear" to date? When has life given you such a second chance?

5. Why do you think Jayme-Leigh wanted to keep her family in the dark about her medical condition? Was Ross right to keep the secret from the rest of the family?

6. Heather has control issues. When she loses it, she goes on a spending binge that she eventually has to

deal with. In many ways, this was the best thing that could have happened to her. Why?

7. Taking into consideration Ami's age, had you been Ami and had witnessed the confession of Joan and overheard the conversation between Ross and Eliana, could you have confronted Ross?

8. Ami's story is a good example of what happens when we refuse to confront and choose to ignore. How might her life have been different if she'd chosen otherwise?

9. Had Ross not become ill, do you think the truth about his relationship to Rosa would have been revealed?

10. How do you feel about Anise's decision to call her father at the end of the book?

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

"A talented storyteller with a passion for relationship stories that will touch your heart."
— Tracie Peterson, bestselling and award-winning author of the *Land of the Lone Star* series and HOUSE OF SECRETS

"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*

"Eva Marie 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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