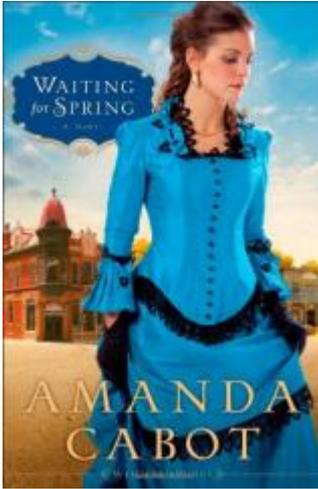


Waiting for Spring: Westward Winds, Book 2

by Amanda Cabot



About the Book

A new identity may protect her family --- but can it protect her heart?

After the loss of her husband and the birth of her baby, Charlotte has had a long, hard year. But she can find no rest from the ghosts of the past and flees to Cheyenne to put the pieces of her life back together.

Wealthy cattle baron and political hopeful Barrett Landry must make a sensible match if he is to be elected senator of the soon-to-be state of Wyoming. He needs someone with connections. Someone without a past. Yet he can't shake the feeling that Charlotte holds the key to his heart and his future.

Will Charlotte and Barrett find the courage to look love in the face? Or will their fears blot out any chance for happiness?

Discussion Guide

1. Many of Charlotte's actions are the result of her fear of the baron. What would you have done differently if you'd been in her situation?
2. Charlotte is the oldest of three children, while Barrett is the youngest in his family. How do you think their birth order affected them? Have you seen similar traits in your own family or those of your friends?
3. Gwen falls in love with Warren, seemingly at first sight. Do you believe in love at first sight? Why or why not?
4. Do you believe that Warren is sincere in his feelings for Gwen? Why or why not?
5. Charlotte distrusts Warren from their first meeting. Do you think she should have acted on her instincts? How might the story have been different if she'd told Gwen of her concerns?
6. Barrett's initial reaction to David's blindness is very distressing to Charlotte. What could/should he have done differently?
7. Both Charlotte and Warren wear masks (or in Charlotte's case, a veil) to disguise themselves. Do you know people who wear masks --- real or figurative? Do you think there are valid reasons for disguises?
8. At certain points, Charlotte assumes Miriam is talking about Barrett, when she's actually referring to Richard. She would have saved herself some heartache if she'd simply mentioned Barrett's name. Why do

you think she didn't? Have you ever been in a similar situation?

9. Some people might argue that Barrett abandoned his plans for a career in politics and his cattle ranch too easily. If you think that's true, why do you think he made those decisions?

10. Charlotte and Barrett discuss her desire to help others. Do you believe that's a result of her being the oldest child, the daughter of a minister, or something else?

11. What do you think Charlotte and Barrett's life will be five years after the book ends?

Author Bio

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Critical Praise

"From the first page I found myself rooting for the young widow, Charlotte, who's trying to forge a life for herself in Cheyenne while also caring for a disabled son. My heart beat with worry as trouble from the past found her. And it pattered with hope as sweet Charlotte caught the eye of handsome Barrett. Amanda Cabot offers a delightful read, and as I turned the pages I was swept away with a story of love, courage, and sacrifice. Recommended!"

— Tricia Goyer, bestselling author of 32 books, including BEYOND HOPE'S VALLEY

"One thing I know to expect when I open an Amanda Cabot novel is heart. She creates characters that tug at my heartstrings, storylines that make my heart smile, and a spiritual lesson that does my heart good. Her stories are like the first sweet scents of spring --- pure pleasure."

— Kim Vogel Sawyer, bestselling author of MY HEART REMEMBERS

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