

# Love Finds You in Holiday, Florida

by Sandra D. Bricker



## About the Book

Lawyer Cassie Constantine has no plans to stay in Florida. She's there just long enough to sell her late husband's vacation house, a tacky bungalow she's always despised then she'll hightail it back to her gracious Boston brownstone. But the place needs more work than Cassie bargained for. What's more, her widow status is like a target on her back and the elderly matchmakers around town manage to sidetrack her mission at every turn. Holiday is a landmine of golf tournaments, ballroom dancing competitions, shuffleboard and day trips. But the biggest obstacle of all? Richard Dillon, the stuffed shirt she's paired with on the dance floor. Cassie had always considered herself uptight but Richard won't take a walk on the beach without his socks and shoes! There's one little problem: he makes her heart beat faster than the rhythm of the quickstep. Can Cassie and Richard let loose long enough to have a little fun?

## Discussion Guide

1. **Love Finds You in Holiday, Florida** is a comedy. But underneath the laughter, what is the overall theme of the book?
2. Cassie has very definite roles within her various relationships. What are the contrasts between Cassie's longtime role with Zan and her new role with Richard?
3. Cassie initially finds Richard somewhat irritating. Why do you think she is so resistant to Richard?
4. Does a person's role within a marriage define who they are as a person? If so, why? And in what ways?
5. The story opens with Cassie reacting to Zan placing two plastic pink flamingos in their front yard. What do those silly flamingos represent in this story?
6. Richard's behavior is often scrutinized and misunderstood. How did you feel about the misconceptions people had

about Richard's intentions?

7. Every chapter of the book begins with a crossword puzzle clue. What do those clues represent?
8. Have you ever felt as if you were defined by certain adjectives (i.e., stubborn, nurturing, beautiful)? If so, do you feel the pressure to live up to those definitions?
9. How did you feel about the Surprise Yourself scripture cards? What do you think Cassie learned from them?
10. In the context of her relationship with Millicent, how did Cassie change during her time in Holiday?
11. How did Cassie's relationship with the Lord develop over the course of the story?
12. What did Zan's dog Sophie represent throughout the book?
13. What similarities can be drawn between the refurbishing of the Holiday house and Cassie's journey?
14. When the story concluded, what were your feelings about where this couple was headed? Where do you see them in five years?

## Author Bio

Sandra D. Bricker has been publishing in both the Christian and general market for years with novels for women and teens, magazine articles and short stories. With eight novels in print and five more slated for publication through 2010, Sandie has carved out a niche for herself as an author of laugh-out-loud comedy for the inspirational market.

## Critical Praise

"Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to cha-cha! Sandra D. Bricker's **Love Finds You in Holiday, Florida** will have you tapping your toes as you turn the pages of this fun novel filled with an unlikely couple and a host of loveable neighbors that can't seem to leave them alone. Come join the neighborhood party --- but watch out for the pink flamingos!"

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