

Rainy Day Friends

by Jill Shalvis



About the Book

Six months after Lanie Jacobs' husband's death, it's hard to imagine anything could deepen her sense of pain and loss. But then Lanie discovers she isn't the only one grieving his sudden passing. A serial adulterer, he left behind several other women who, like Lanie, each believe she was his legally wedded wife.

Rocked by the infidelity, Lanie is left to grapple with searing questions. How could she be so wrong about a man she thought she knew better than anyone? Will she ever be able to trust another person? Can she even trust herself?

Desperate to make a fresh start, Lanie impulsively takes a job at the family-run Capriotti Winery. At first, she feels like an outsider among the boisterous Capriottis. With no real family of her own, she's bewildered by how quickly they all take her under their wing and make her feel like she belongs. Especially Mark Capriotti, a gruffly handsome Air Force veteran turned deputy sheriff who manages to wind his way into Lanie's cold, broken heart --- along with the rest of the clan.

Everything is finally going well for her, but the arrival of River Green changes all that. The fresh-faced 21-year-old seems as sweet as they come until her dark secrets come to light --- secrets that could destroy the new life Lanie has only just begun to build.

Discussion Guide

1. What would you do if you found out the person you loved had been living a double life?
2. If Kyle hadn't died, would Lanie have stayed married to him? Would River?

3. Would you be able to be friends with your husband's mistress?
4. After such a big betrayal, would you be able to trust and love another person again?
5. Was Lanie right in running away from her home?
6. What do you think Holden's backstory is?
7. Do you think Lanie and River would want to meet the other women Kyle was married to?
8. Do you think Lanie and her mother could ever be close? They made amends somewhat, but could they ever be a real part of each other's lives?
9. If you were in Lanie's position, how would River being pregnant affect your feelings toward her? Would you be able to accept the baby and not be jealous when you had also wanted children?

Author Bio

New York Times bestselling author Jill Shalvis lives in a small town in the Sierras full of quirky characters. Any resemblance to the quirky characters in her books is, um, mostly coincidental. Look for Jill's bestselling, award-winning books wherever romances are sold and visit her website for a complete book list and daily blog detailing her city-girl-living-in-the-mountains adventures.

Critical Praise

With a fast pace and a lovely mix of romance and self-discovery, Shalvis's novel is chock-full of magnetic characters and seamless storytelling, rich with emotions, and impossible to put down.

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