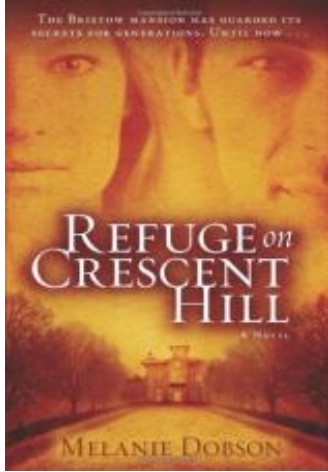


# Refuge on Crescent Hill

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## About the Book

This homecoming wasn't what she expected?

Jobless, homeless, and broke, Camden Bristow decides to visit the grandmother she hasn't seen in years. But when Camden arrives in Etherton, Ohio, she discovers that her grandmother has passed away, leaving her the 150-year-old mansion on Crescent Hill. The site of her happiest summers as a child, the run-down mansion is now her only refuge.

When Camden finds evidence that she may not be the mansion's only occupant, memories of Grandma Rosalie's bedtime stories about secret passageways and runaway slaves fuel her imagination. What really happened at Crescent Hill? Who can she turn to for answers in this town full of strangers? And what motivates the handsome local Alex Yates to offer his help? As she works to uncover the past and present mysteries harbored in her home, Camden uncovers deep family secrets within the mansion's walls that could change her life --- and the entire town --- forever.

## Discussion Guide

1. What is the significance of "home" in this novel? Does Camden's idea of "home" change at all during the book? What is your idea of "home"?
2. Family history can often be surprising. Have you ever researched your own family history? If so, what did you find?
3. How do you think Camden would have described herself before her job took a turn for the worse? And after? Did she change at all during the story?

4. Her grandmother was the only real family Camden had. And yet even that relationship dwindled over time. Why? What things take priority in our lives? Do you ever wish your priorities were different?

5. Memories of her past haunt Camden and color how she sees family and faith. How do our life experiences influence our futures?

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