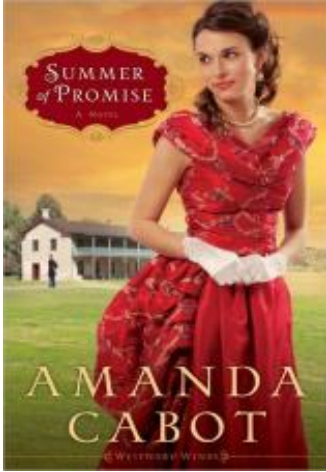


Summer of Promise: Westward Winds, Book 1

by Amanda Cabot



About the Book

Though she had planned to spend the summer in Vermont, Abigail Harding cannot dismiss her concerns over her older sister. Charlotte's letters have been uncharacteristically melancholy, and her claims that nothing is wrong ring false, so Abigail heads west to Fort Laramie, Wyoming. When her stagecoach is attacked, Wyoming promises to be anything but boring. Luckily, the heroics of another passenger, Lieutenant Ethan Bowles, save the day.

Abigail plans to marry when she returns to Vermont, just as soon as she attends to her sister. As the summer passes, she finds herself drawn to this rugged land and to a certain soldier determined to persuade her to stay. When summer ends, will she go back East, or will she find her heart's true home?

Discussion Guide

1. Abigail's first impression of Wyoming is far from favorable, but once she's lived there for a while, she changes her opinion. Have you found that first impressions are not always reliable? Why do you think that's true?
2. Abigail is attracted to two very different men: Ethan and Woodrow. What do you think is each man's primary appeal? Which would you have chosen if you were in Abigail's position? Why?
3. Both Ethan and Charlotte disapprove of Leah at first, but Abigail does not. Why do you think her reaction is different?
4. Charlotte accuses Abigail of trying to solve every problem. If you agree with Charlotte, what do you think is the reason for what some might consider meddling?
5. If you have siblings, how does (or doesn't) Abigail's relationship with her sister mirror that within your family?

6. How do you think the story would be different if Abigail hadn't rescued Puddles?
7. Dreams play an important role in the story, providing characters with clues to their past and revealing their deepest thoughts. How have dreams played a role in your life?
8. Ethan's view of life is colored by his grandfather's lessons. How do you think his life would have differed if his parents had lived long enough to raise him?
9. Do you agree with Ethan's decision not to return to New York when his grandfather was ill? Why or why not?
10. Why do you think Charlotte is afraid to confront Jeffrey with her fears? Would you have been as reticent? Why or why not?
11. Were you surprised by the identity of what Frances and the baron call "the man at the fort"? Why or why not?

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Critical Praise

"SUMMER OF PROMISE is an engrossing story of love and adventure on the Wyoming frontier that is sure to capture your heart! Get ready for a charming tale of life on an Army post woven into an engaging, fast-paced, heartwarming read!"

--- Kathleen Morgan, author of A HEART DIVIDED and A LOVE FORBIDDEN

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