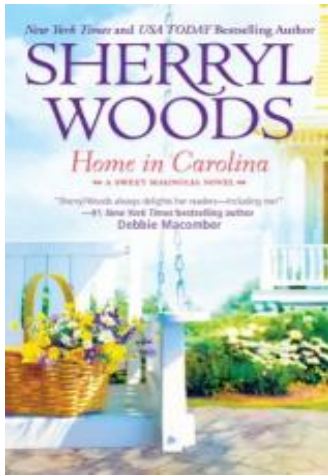


# Home in Carolina

by Sherryl Woods

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## About the Book

There's no place like home, especially if it's Serenity, South Carolina. For Annie Sullivan, though, the homecoming is bittersweet. She'd always envisioned a life there with her childhood best friend, Tyler Townsend. But Ty's betrayal has cost her the family and the future they'd once planned.

For Ty, losing Annie was heartbreaking. Still, he can't imagine life without the three-year-old son whose mother left him for Ty to raise. Ty wants it all --- Annie, his child and the future he'd dreamed about --- and he's back home in Serenity to fight for it. But getting Annie to forgive and forget may be the hardest challenge he's ever faced. With the stakes so high, this is one game he can't afford to lose.

## Discussion Guide

1. Annie's sense of betrayal over Ty's cheating is magnified because she'd always thought they were not only lovers, but best friends. Have you ever been betrayed by someone? How did you get past the betrayal? Were you able to forgive the person who betrayed you?
2. Do you think there's a difference between dealing with children from someone's prior marriage and a child who resulted from a betrayal? How would you cope?
3. When Dee-Dee finally wins Ty's approval for taking their son to Ohio for a visit, she uses the opportunity to file for visitation. Do you think she deserves to have Trevor in her life after everything she's done? Was there any justification for what she did when he was an infant, leaving him on Ty's hotel doorstep, believing then that Ty would be better able to provide for him?
4. Helen is part of the 'sandwich' generation, caught between her mother, her child and her own career. Have you experienced that kind of situation? Did it leave you feeling overwhelmed? How have you dealt with it? What sacrifices

did you have to make?

5. Sarah has been caught up in a marriage with a man who's demeaned her ability to cope with raising their kids, managing their household or even keeping herself in shape. Do you recognize this as a form of abuse? How would you handle it if faced with the same attitude?

6. When Raylene arrives in Serenity, she's clearly been abused by her husband, yet she talks about going home again. Do you know women who are in this situation, who make excuses for the men who've hurt them and who keep thinking things will change? What advice would you give these women?

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