

# Watercolored Pearls

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## About the Book

Three friends. Three paths. One journey to beautiful.

Serena never thought she'd have children. Now she has two active two-year-old boys. But instead of being overjoyed, she's overwhelmed. Did she make the wrong choice in giving up her successful career to be a stay-at-home mom?

Tawana, an ambitious new lawyer, is trying to pull her life together, but her past keeps getting in the way. An incredible opportunity at a prestigious law firm forces her to confront her demons. Can her new responsibilities fit with her growing faith?

Erika's estranged and once-abusive husband wants her back. He says it will be better. He's even going to church. But has he truly changed? Or is he just smooth talking her back into a bad situation?

**Watercolored Pearls** is a story of three women who discover that, though their pasts aren't perfect, their God will make things right.

## Discussion Guide

1. What does the book's title convey about the characters?
2. What issues did the characters struggle with that, if openly addressed, could have strengthened their character and their relationships with each other?
3. What themes resonated throughout the story?

4. Was Serena's dislike of Bethany valid, or did it show her own weaknesses and insecurity? As a pastor's wife, was it wrong for her to feel this way?
5. Was Serena's guilt about being overwhelmed with motherhood and her desire to return to work valid? Can you relate?
6. Why was it hard for Tawana to open up to Serena, someone she knew loved her unconditionally?
7. How did the characters stifle one another's growth? How did the characters help each other grow?
8. Did any of these characters use their faith as a crutch, to keep them from growing and developing as they could have?
9. Think about the process of becoming a pearl. Can you recall times in your own life where you grew through a situation that strengthened your character? Are there other areas of your life that are "pearls to be"?
10. What role does faith play in helping one become a pearl?

## Author Bio

Stacy Hawkins Adams is a freelance writer with 13 years of professional journalism experience. Until recently, she served as the social issues reporter and inspirational columnist of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* in Richmond, Virginia. She and her husband, a minister, have two children. They live in a suburb of Richmond.

## Critical Praise

"**Watercolored Pearls** is a delightful . . . read. Stacy's story, driven by three loyal girlfriends, reminds us of where true peace and beauty lie. Grab a glass of cold lemonade, curl up under a shady tree, and enjoy!"

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