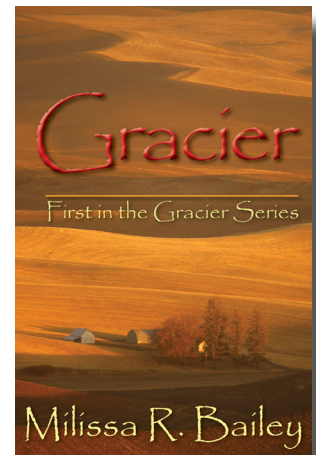


Book Club Discussion Questions for

Gracier



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- Why do you think the book starts with a funeral and ends with a baptism?
 - What character do you most identify with?
 - How does the setting figure as a character in the story?
 - What do you think of the double edged sword religion played in Gracier?
 - What moral/ethical choices did the characters make? What did you think of those choices? How would you have chosen?
 - Being put in the same position as Dr. Andrew Harrison, Sheriff Chester Caughlin, Matthew Cassidy and Jonas McCabe, would you have chosen to hide the truth? Would you have handled it differently?
 - Are the characters' actions the result of freedom of choice or of destiny (i.e. Sam coming back after the death of her parents, Steven realizing who he truly loved, the relationship between Matthew and Jessica)?
 - What effects do the events (past/present) have on the Jessica's self or personality?
 - How do you think Jessica came to terms with her faith when religious beliefs/doctrine acted as the catalyst behind so many lies?
 - How did you feel when it was realized that Maggie McCabe had hidden the truth of Jessica's paternity because of Peter's desire to become a priest?
 - Is there any moral responsibility that was abdicated/relinquished?
 - What did you think of the ending?
 - If the truth had been told/known from the beginning, would you feel differently about the perceived villains?
 - What is this book's message?
 - Why do you think the author wrote this? What is her most important message?
 - In a movie version, who would play what parts?
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