



An Open Book

Discussion Guide for *To Find Her Place*

1. Jane feels God has given her a "different way to minister to children" through the Children's Aid Society since she can't have a child of her own. Yet when she learns that Garrett is coming to audit the agency, she vows to "do everything in her power" to keep her job. Later, Garrett says that he cannot allow his feelings for Jane "to interfere with his plans to secure his future." Do you think Jane and Garrett are fighting for their own desires at the cost of trusting God's plan for their lives? How do you see each of them struggle with self-reliance versus trusting God throughout the story?

2. At first, Garrett disapproves of Jane's treatment of Martin, thinking she is too lenient. Later, however, he seems to adopt her philosophy of kindness toward the boy. When do you think his opinion changed? Do you agree with his first assessment that Jane is too lenient with Martin's bad behavior, or do you agree that Martin just needs unconditional love?

3. What do you think of Jane taking Martin to stay at her house after he is no longer welcome at the shelter? Do you think Garrett did the right thing confronting her? Do you agree with him?

4. How do you see both Jane and Garrett grow during the course of the novel?



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5. What do you think about Donald's offer to Jane? What do you think about her response? Is she doing the right thing by trying to be forgiving, or is she simply showing a lack of boundaries?

6. Do you think Garrett is right to give Jane space to make her own decision, or should he be honest about his feelings? Do you think he is acting more out of respect for her or out of his own fear and insecurity?

7. The war has a direct effect on Garrett and Donald, but it also affects Jane, Hildie, and Cassie, as they wait for news of their family members serving overseas. What tension does the war bring to the story? How do you see it impacting the characters and their motivations?

8. After Garrett's accident, he doesn't want to see Jane. He doesn't want to "saddle [her] with a husband trapped in a chair." Even after she assures him of her love, he doesn't want to see her until he can walk again. What do you think of his attitude? Is he wrong to push her away, or is space simply something he needs in his grief?



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9. What do you think of the statements made by Jane and Garrett's family saying that they know he will walk again because he is determined? Do you think it is encouraging because showing faith in his abilities? What affect do you think those words might have had if he never regained his ability to walk?

10. Was the ending satisfying? Do you have a favorite scene or quote to share