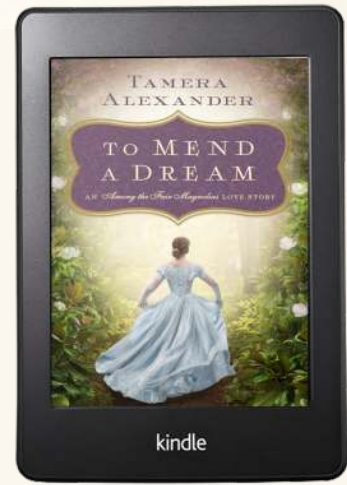


TO MEND A DREAM

Reading Guide Discussion Questions

Spoiler Alert: Questions contain key plot points to the story



1. Savannah Darby lost most of her family, her home, and like many Southerners following the Civil War, was forced to leave everything behind when family land went to auction. What family treasure—a portrait, diary, special possession, perhaps—would you miss most if forced to leave behind your home and belongings?
2. Prejudice was a theme in *To Win Her Favor*, the Belle Meade Plantation novel in which we first meet Savannah Darby. What prejudices are evident in Aidan and Savannah's story? Are those still prevalent today? How so? And do you struggle with them?
3. If given the chance to get back into a home that had been legally taken from you, do you think you would have made the same decision as Savannah? Do you think her search for what her father left was right or wrong? Why?
4. Aidan's motivation in moving to Nashville is guided by what happened when he met the Confederate soldier one afternoon during the lull of battle. Are you aware that this really happened in the Civil War? That Union soldiers and Confederate soldiers would converse between battles? In what ways do you think these meetings changed these men?
5. Have you ever experienced a "chance meeting" (like Aidan and Nashville) and yet knew deep down that chance had nothing to do with it? Share your experience.
6. Savannah treasures a family letter in the story. Letter writing is all but a lost art these days. Would having a letter from a departed loved one have meant more back then, do you think? Why or why not?
7. In Ch 12, Savannah reflects on the many possessions she and her family owned. With time's passing, her perspective on those has changed. How has it changed?

And can you relate to her feelings?

8. God worked to weave Aidan and Savannah's lives together in ways they couldn't see and certainly didn't plan. Have you ever made a plan that you thought was a good one, only to have God intervene and make it even better? Share your experience, and also your thoughts on Proverbs 16:9.

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