

Reading Group Guide for
Love's Rescue
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1. During the hurricane, Elizabeth insists on bringing her little brother with her. Why do you think it was so important that he join her? How does this decision impact her actions immediately after the storm?
2. Elizabeth battles impatience with her great-aunt. Think of one person whose personality tests your patience. How do you react to him or her? Can you think of one way to improve your relationship?
3. Elizabeth neglects correcting her great-aunt's assumption that Charles sent for her. How does that impact their relationship? Elizabeth's relationship with the rest of her family? What would have happened if she had told the full story from the start?
4. Why do you think Charlie refuses to see his sister when she arrives home? Could she have done anything to smooth their relationship at that first meeting?
5. Why does Rourke promise to bring John's wife to freedom in the Bahamas at great personal risk? What does this tell you about his character? Do you think he realized this would impact any hope of a relationship with Elizabeth? Why or why not?
6. First John 3:16 says, "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters" (NIV). To what degree do Rourke, Elizabeth, Anabelle, and Charlie demonstrate this type of sacrificial love? Which character's response would be most like your own in a similar situation? Why?
7. Why do you think Charles dislikes Rourke? Is that feeling well-founded?
8. For much of the book, Elizabeth focuses on her own shortcomings and desires. What do you think changed her focus to consider others ahead of herself?

9. Elizabeth receives a big shock when she reads her mother's diary. Why do you think the family hushed up that secret? Whose actions angered you most, and why?

10. Forgiving someone who has wronged you isn't easy. Why do you think it was easier for Charlie to forgive his father than it was for Elizabeth? Do you think she truly forgave him before he returned, or did his actions precipitate their reconciliation? Based on your own experiences, do you think she would still struggle with anger after this initial mending of differences? Why or why not?



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