

A woman in a vibrant pink dress and a large, light-colored straw hat with a bow sits on the edge of a swimming pool. She is holding a glass of wine and looking out over the water. The background is a clear blue pool with ripples on the surface.

# THE NEXT MRS. PARRISH

LIV CONSTANTINE

BOOK CLUB KIT



## DEAR READER,

We can barely contain our excitement in sharing *The Next Mrs. Parrish*, the sequel to *The Last Mrs. Parrish*. For many years now, we've been asked at book talks if there would be a sequel. Our answer was always: We don't think so. For a long time, we believed that the stories of Daphne, Amber, and Jackson were complete. And then we wrote *The First Shot*, a prequel to *The Last Mrs. Parrish*. From that prequel, a new character was born—a fiery, independent, and strong-willed woman named Daisy Ann. It was then that we realized these characters had unfinished business, and so it was with utmost delight that we decided to continue their story.

With great joy, and also trepidation, we delved back into their lives, mindful of how beloved the first book is and our desire to do it justice in a sequel. We hope that you will love *The Next Mrs. Parrish* as much, if not more, than *The Last Mrs. Parrish* and that you savor your reunion with these characters. If this is your first introduction to the world of Bishops Harbor, have no fear, this is a journey independent from the main events of *The Last Mrs. Parrish*. You can read the books out of order and still be fully along for the ride in Bishops Harbor.

Thank you for spending your time in these pages and giving us the gift of your attention. Please let us know what you think—and whether you believe the story is finished or that, perhaps, there is more to be told.

Warmly,

LIV (LYNNE & VALERIE)



# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *The Next Mrs. Parrish* explores a number of themes, including wealth and privilege, identity, manipulation, deception, and revenge. Which themes resonated with you the most? Were there any specific moments or passages that stood out in exploring these themes?
2. Let's delve into the characters of Daphne, Amber, Daisy Ann, and Jackson. What motivated each character in *The Next Mrs. Parrish*? How did their relationships shift and evolve as the story progressed? Were there any unexpected alliances formed among them?
3. How did Daphne's knowledge of Jackson's true nature influence the events and dynamics between the characters?
4. How did the narrative structure of the book—shifting between Daphne, Amber, and Daisy Ann's perspectives—shape your understanding of the characters and their motivations?
5. Consider the theme of manipulation and its consequences. How do characters like Amber and Daphne manipulate others to achieve their desires? What are the repercussions of their manipulations, both for themselves and the people around them?
6. How does the setting of the Bishops Harbor community and its social hierarchy contribute to the plot? Explore the impact of the environment on the characters' motivations and decisions.
7. Explore the concept of sacrifice in the book. Which characters make sacrifices for the sake of others, and how does this impact their relationships and personal growth?
8. Analyze the concept of justice in the novel. Do the characters receive the justice they deserve by the end? How does the exploration of justice contribute to the overall message of the story?
9. How do the secondary characters like Meredith, Mason, and the residents of Bishops Harbor add depth to the story and influence the main characters' arcs?
10. How do the characters' roles as parents impact their actions, decisions, and relationships with each other, considering that the children serve as the connecting elements between Daphne, Amber, and Jackson? Discuss the portrayal of parental relationships and the influence of family dynamics throughout the novel.
11. How did you feel about the book's ending? Did it satisfy you, or were there aspects that left you wanting more? Discuss your interpretation of the final events.
12. Reflecting on the themes and events of the novel, how does *The Next Mrs. Parrish* comment on the darker aspects of human nature? What insights or messages did you take away from the book?

## THE KEY PLAYERS

### **JACKSON PARRISH**

- The man at the center of it all
- Has been imprisoned at Camp Fed correctional facility

### **AMBER PATTERSON PARRISH**

- Wife of Jackson, mother to Jackson Jr.
- Formerly known as Lana Crump
  - Mother: Florence Crump

### **JACKSON JR.**

- Two-year-old son of Amber and Jackson

### **DAPHNE**

- Ex-wife of Jackson
- Mother to Tallulah and Bella
- Has been living in California

### **DAISY ANN BRISCOE, NÉE CRAWFORD**

- Grew up on a ranch outside Dallas
- Married into a wealthy city family
- Founder and owner of White Orchid Designs, a jewelry company founded in memory of her mother
- Her father, Jake, died tragically early at 65
  - Father: Jake Crawford
  - Mother: Marylou Ann Crawford
  - Sons: Tucker and Greyson
  - Husband: Mason

## THE EXTENDED CAST

### **MEREDITH STANTON**

Daphne's "one genuine friend" from Bishops Harbor

### **WADE ASHFORD**

A friend of Daisy Ann's father, Jake, who works with her now on keeping White Orchid Designs afloat

### **NANCY & SHANE ELLIS**

Former friends of Wade Ashford; Wade stole Shane's invention and Nancy considers him responsible for Shane's death

### **REMI WHITLOCK**

Bishops Harbor elite

### **TANYA**

A former friend of Amber's

### **BOBBY**

Amber's driver while she is in Dallas

### **RORY DELACORTE**

The master silversmith/artist who designs for White Orchid

### **BIRDIE & CHANDLER BRISCOE**

Daisy Ann's mother and father-in-law

### **MRS. LOCKWOOD**

The mother of the young man in Amber's hometown who got her pregnant

## BISHOPS HARBOR APPETIZER

— ONE OF JACKSON'S FAVORITES —

### INGREDIENTS

Beluga Caviar in a chilled presentoir with buttered toast points and crème fraiche.

### INSTRUCTIONS

Be sure to use a mother-of-pearl spoon, as sterling silver imparts a metallic taste. Accompany with Veuve Clicquot champagne.

## THE TEXAS MARGARITA

— A STAPLE AT BIRDIE'S PARTIES —

The addition of fresh orange juice is what makes a Texas margarita different from a traditional margarita. The flavor becomes juicier and more citrusy; makes the drink lighter and more refreshing.

### INGREDIENTS

1 lime wedge, to rim the glass and garnish	2 tbsp. orange liqueur (such as Cointreau)
Ground Himalayan salt, to rim the glass	3 tbsp. freshly-squeezed lime juice (from 2 small limes)
¼ cup tequila blanco	1½ tbsp. fresh orange juice (from 1 orange)
Ice	

### INSTRUCTIONS

**Prepare the margarita glass:** Run a lime wedge around the rim of your glass; set the lime wedge aside for garnish. Pour the salt onto a plate and dip the rim of the glass in the salt to coat. Fill the glass with ice and set aside.

**Mix margarita:** In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, combine the tequila, orange liqueur, orange juice, and lime juice. Shake until chilled. Strain into the prepared glass.

Garnish with the lime wedge and serve immediately.

Recipe credit: [Southern Living's Texas Margarita](#)



# COWBOY CAVIAR APPETIZER

—DAISY ANN SERVED THIS OFTEN—

Stories say this was served at a party in Houston, Texas, given by the food director of Neiman Marcus. The partygoers named it “Cowboy Caviar.” It’s like a salsa and bean salad in one. Delicious, fresh, and healthy!

## INGREDIENTS

6–8 diced fresh tomatoes  
1 diced red, yellow, or orange bell pepper  
1 chopped medium onion  
1–2 jalapeno peppers finely diced  
1 large, diced avocado  
1 can black beans (15 oz) rinsed and drained  
1 can yellow corn (15 oz)  
Cilantro to taste  
Garlic to taste  
Salt to taste  
1/8 cup fresh lime juice  
Italian dressing

## INSTRUCTIONS

Mix all ingredients and add dressing.  
Serve with tortilla chips.





## COLORADO TRAIL MIX

—JAKE AND DAISY ANN TOOK THIS ON HIKES—

### INGREDIENTS

2 cups raisins  
1 cup dried mango  
½ cup flaked coconut (optional)  
½ cup carob chips (optional)

1 cup walnuts  
1 cup raw almonds  
1 cup raw pumpkin seeds  
1 cup raw sunflower seeds

### INSTRUCTIONS

Combine all ingredients, and store in an airtight container.

## POACHED PEARS

—A DAPHNE DESSERT FAVORITE—

### INGREDIENTS

1 cup sugar  
1 tbsp lemon juice  
2 cloves  
1 cinnamon stick  
4 pears, peeled, cored, stem intact

### INSTRUCTIONS

In a saucepan, add sugar, lemon juice, cloves, cinnamon stick, and 2 cups of water. Bring to a boil. Add pears and reduce to simmer. Cook about 15–25 minutes until pears are tender.

Drizzle syrup over pears and refrigerate 2–3 hours.

Serve pears standing up and drizzle with vanilla cream sauce.



# THE NEXT MRS. PARRISH FUN FACTS

1. Jackson has a POV chapter in this book—as we neared the end and decided on his fate, we went back and forth about including a chapter from his point of view and finally believed it was necessary.
2. We changed the original ending for both Jackson and Amber pretty late in the game.
3. Diamond research was interesting and involved—we met with jewelers who had dealt with the Diamond District and also with experts who had worked in the Diamond District. We also did a lot of online and reading research about the District and about diamonds.
4. Texas research—we subscribed to *D* magazine (“Dallas” magazine), talked to Texans we knew, read some fun books and some serious ones too, listed here:
  - *Being Texan* by the Editors of *Texas Monthly*
  - *The Devil in the Junior League* by Linda Francis Lee and Jenna Lamia
  - *Talk Southern to Me* by Julia Flower
  - *Suck Your Stomach In and Put Some Color On* by Shellie Rushing Tomlinson
  - *Dallas Modern* by the Dallas Architecture Forum
  - *Texas: America the Beautiful* by Barbara A. Somervill
  - *A History Lover’s Guide to Dallas* by Georgette Driscoll and Mark Doty
5. We gave Meredith a bigger role because of how much everyone loved her in the first book.
6. We never thought there would be a sequel—and who knows if there might be a third!

