

Discussion Questions for
Murder Is No Accident
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- Murder Is No Accident* is the third Hidden Springs mystery. Do you like books you read to have recurring characters and settings?
- Michael came home to Hidden Springs thinking he wouldn't be faced with serious crimes as a law enforcement officer in his small town. Do you think that crime is more prevalent in small towns now than it was a decade ago? Why?
- Michael and Alex dance close in their romance and then spin apart. Why do you think that is true? Do you think they will ever have a happily ever after ending?
- Alex loves Michael, but she thinks their lifestyles can never mesh. Do you think she's right? Who do you think will have to compromise the most to make their romance work, if it does?
- Maggie loved climbing up into tower room at Miss Fonda's house to write her stories. Would you have been afraid to be alone in the deserted old house many thought might be haunted?
- After Maggie is threatened, she's still afraid to tell anyone that she was in the house when the realtor died. What should she have done differently?
- Maggie's father had a drinking problem, but he went to AAA to try to overcome it. Do you think he was right to keep that secret from Maggie's mother? Why or why not?
- Miss Fonda has dementia but she still continually wants to go home. Have you ever known someone with dementia with that same desire to "escape" to their childhood home?

- If you read *Murder at the Courthouse*, the first Hidden Springs mystery, were you glad to see Anthony back in this story? Did his teen romance with Maggie make you remember your own young first loves?

- Aunt Lindy wants Michael and Alex to commit to one another, but she knows it has to be their decision. Have you ever wanted a family member to make a choice for love or perhaps a career move? Did you offer advice or simply pray for that person to make right choices?

- Do you think Betty Jean will ever find love?

- What did you like best about Hidden Springs?