

Reading Group Guide for
Dreams Rekindled
by Amanda Cabot

(Spoiler alert—these questions assume you’ve already read the book)

1. When Dorothy first meets Brandon, she’s shocked by her reaction. Did it seem realistic to you? Why or why not?
2. Brandon harbors guilt over what happened in his former home. Do you believe he was justified in feeling guilty? Why or why not?
3. What were your first impressions of Phil? How did they change by the end of the book?
4. Were you surprised by the meat thief’s identity? Why or why not?
5. Dorothy is afraid to marry and says, “I don’t believe marriage is part of God’s plan for me.” Do you agree with her reasons for feeling that way? What, if anything, do you think she should have done differently to counter her fears?
6. Brandon finds a measure of peace at Mesquite Springs’s namesake spring. Have you had a similar experience? If so, what made that particular place special?
7. Dorothy says, “Words have more power when they’re printed than when they’re spoken.” Do you agree? Why or why not?
8. Many of Mesquite Springs’s residents support Brother Josiah. What do you believe was his appeal? How do you think you would have reacted to his impassioned pleas?
9. Dorothy dreams of being able to change people’s lives through her writing. Has any book of fiction had a major impact on your life? Which book? How did it affect you?
10. Many of Dorothy’s actions are constrained by nineteenth-century ideas of propriety. How would *Dreams Rekindled* be different if it took place in the twenty-first century?