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Let's swap stories over a cup of tea.

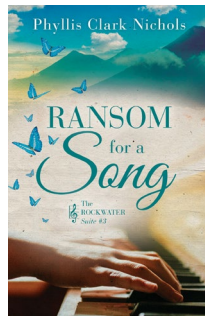
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DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR

RANSOM FOR A SONG

By Phyllis Clark Nichols



- What foreshadowing was there prior to Caroline's trip to Guatemala?
- Discuss why Roderick proposed where he did and how he did it and why.
- In this story, were any of Caroline's actions a bit out of character or surprising to you?
- Discuss the conversation Roderick has with Caroline about his mother's death. How did her death shape and influence his life? His sister's life?
- Compare and contrast Caroline with Dr. Lydia Pipkin.
- Discuss the scene and Roderick's emotions as he went alone to Caroline's room at the Bonifaz Hotel in Guatemala.
- How do you explain Bella's agitation when Caroline was in danger thousands of miles away?
- In Chapter 24, Sister Gabby calls for the orphans to pray. Discuss the scene and culture's influence on how the children perceive what is happening and how they pray.



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- Caroline awakens from her fever in the jungle and is cared for by little Rosita. Roderick and the crew rescue her there. What are possible meanings and symbols of the blue butterflies in Mayan culture?
- Do you think some people have deep spiritual connections that cannot be explained? Parent and child? Spouses? Caroline and Bella seem to have that connection. Share experiences when you or someone you know had something similar pointing to a reality beyond our physical one that we can see.