



Greetings from Phyllis  
Let's swap stories over a cup of tea.

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DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR  
**CHRISTMAS AT BAR HAVEN**

By Phyllis Clark Nichols



- How important is the setting to this story? Why?
- This book speaks to the theme of generational patterns and heritage. Discuss this in light of Anna Beth and her mother. Discuss the issue as seen in the O'Hara family.
- Discuss the significance of the family treasures Jillian discovers in the carriage house apartment.
- What might you have learned about a new culture from reading this book?
- Rosemary is not the stereotypical pastor's wife. How is she different? What might we learn from her?
- What are some of the factors that drew Anna Beth and John together? What created their chance of breaking their family generational cycles?
- Why might Phyllis have chosen to use a Christmas book to write about the struggles of a young, single mother who seems to have lost all hope?
- Discuss Riley's role in the story and how he viewed issues. What of his childlike qualities are relevant to the story?
- What would you consider the most poignant, soul-stirring scene in this book?
- What are some important truths that resonate in this story?