



## Readers Guide

- 1. As a flapper, Lilly represents a major shift in the way women were viewed and treated. What aspects of this "new" woman represented a change for the better? for the worse?
- 2. Would you describe Lilly's leaving home as an act of rebellion or escape?
- 3. In 2 Corinthians Paul wrote of the importance of being impressed not by what is seen but rather what is in the heart. He wrote: "If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you" (2 Corinthians 5:13, NIV). How does this verse relate to Betty Ruth? to Cullen? to Lilly?
- 4. The Tutwiler Hotel and the Knockabout Campsite represent two extremes of lodging for a family road trip. Which of the two would you prefer? Why?
- 5. The tent revival saw a huge upsurge in popularity during the 1920s. Why do you think that is? What does such a service offer that an ordinary Sunday worship service in a church does not?
- 6. If he were alive, how do you think Davis Burnside, Cullen's father, would have reacted to Lilly?
- 7. Dave Voyant makes an appearance in this story. In both *Stealing Home* and *The Bridegrooms*, we see him as a sports reporter more interested in the personal lives of athletes than their scores and statistics. How important is the human-interest aspect of professional sports figures? Do we care about the story behind the statistic?
- 8. Lilly grew up in a Christian home, yet she had to leave it to find a true relationship with Jesus. How can we strike a balance between upholding high moral standards and affording grace?

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- 9. *Lilies in Moonlight* touches on the theme of healing. How is Cullen healed? Lilly? Betty Ruth?
- 10. What will it take to heal the relationship between Lilly and her mother? If you were Lilly's friend, would you encourage her to pursue reconciliation?