

*The Road Home Book Club  
Resources*

*A Dual Timeline Clean Contemporary Redemption  
Story*

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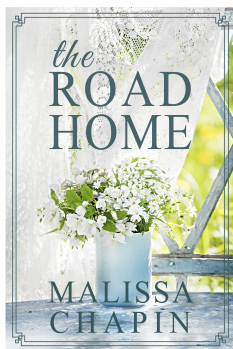
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## *About The Road Home*



**Hiding from her tainted past. Will unraveling a long-buried deception let the truth set her free?**

Wisconsin, present day. Audra March's adult life is haunted by a teenage misstep. Taking an assumed name and enjoying simple things, the thirty-something comes upon a vintage recipe box while thrift shopping and hunts down the owner's daughter. So when a longtime adversary threatens her with blackmail, she jumps at the invitation to escape to the dead lady's estate and avoid an old enemy.

Kentucky, 1940's. Ida Bealle Horne aches for a baby. Deeply in love with her preacher husband, she despairs that God will never grace her Appalachian home with the laughter of a child. So when a knock at

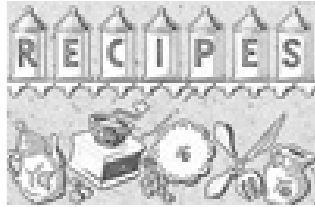
the door comes one stormy night, she thanks the Almighty when a granny shoves a newborn into her arms.

Stumbling across a collection of letters, Audra unearths a secret its owner took to the grave and embarks on a path of surprising consequences. And though Ida Bealle can't bear to admit to her now-grown daughter they don't share blood, she feels the burden of the lie crushing her soul.

Can Audra's journey bring fulfillment to another and gift her a second chance?

*The Road Home* is the emotional first book in a Christian women's fiction series. If you like conflicted heroines, tales of redemption, and dual-timeline stories, then you'll adore Malissa Chapin's generation-spanning saga.

Buy *The Road Home* to find forgiveness today!



Thank you for choosing to use my novel *The Road Home* for your book club. I'm so excited and thankful to share this resource with you.

Please email me several weeks before the meeting, and I will send bookmarks to you for the participants of your group. If you are interested, and if I am available for a quick phone call, I'd love to join you the night of your meeting.

[malissa@malissachapin.com](mailto:malissa@malissachapin.com) \*\*Please put "book club request" in the subject line.

I can't wait to hear what you and your group thought of my book—good or bad.

Thank you for giving my novel a chance.

Malissa

*Chapter 1*

*Ice Breaker Questions*



**F**un questions for your book club before you start discussing my book.

1. What is your favorite book of all time?
2. What type of books do you enjoy reading? What type do you dislike reading?
3. What is the first book you remember reading or the first book you remember someone reading to you?

## Chapter 2

# Discussion Guide



## **T**he Road Home Discussion Guide

1. What did you like best about this book?
2. What did you like least about this book?
3. Who was your favorite character in this book? Why?
4. If you could chat with any character in this book, who would you want to talk to? What would you ask?
5. If you could hear this story from another character's point of view, which character would you choose?
6. Would you read another book by this author? Why or why not?
7. What was your favorite scene? Why?
8. Whose story do you wish she'd written about more?
9. How do you feel about the moral choices that were made? What would you have done differently?
10. Do you enjoy split-time novels? Which time period was your favorite?

11. Share the worst recipe you've ever seen or tried. What recipe including in this book would you make?

12. Do you have a funny road trip story like the cat ladies in the pool?

13. Did you learn anything about Kentucky or Wisconsin from this book?

I'd love to hear the answers to these questions. Please email me and let me know what your book club discussed and your thoughts about my questions.

Thank you for reading *The Road Home*.

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### *Chapter 3*

## *Muddy Cup Cafe Cream Puff Bars*



When I wrote *The Road Home* and decided to add recipes, I had a couple that I didn't include. On the last edit, I chose only to include recipes that Cadence found in Miss Ida Bealle's red recipe box.

The award-winning cream puff bars from the Muddy Cup Cafe weren't found in the recipe box, and so the recipe got cut from the book. But I always intended to share the recipe with you!

Here you go. Enjoy!



### *Muddy Cup Café Cream Puff Bars*

1 c. water

½ c. butter

1 c. flour

4 large eggs, room temperature

#### **Cream Filling:**

1 c. heavy whipping cream

¼ teaspoon vanilla extract

¼ teaspoon almond extract

1 tablespoon honey, or to taste

#### **Directions:**

1. In a large saucepan, bring water and butter to a boil over medium heat. Add the flour all at once and stir with a wooden spoon until a smooth ball forms. Remove from heat and let stand 5 minutes.
2. Add eggs one at a time beating well after each one. Continue beating until the dough is smooth.
3. Spread into a greased 9" x 13" pan or jelly roll pan. Bake at 400 F 30-35 minutes or until puffed and golden. \*\*If you bake in a jelly roll pan, it may require less time. Check after



20 minutes. Let cool completely.

4. Chill your mixing bowl and beaters. Add the cream and begin beating. Add flavorings and honey after cream begins to form soft peaks. Stop beating before cream is stiff.
5. Spread cream over cool puff and refrigerate. Dust with powdered sugar and cut.

Let me know if you choose to enjoy these yummy treats.

## *Chapter 4*

# *Writing The Road Home*



I shared a behind the scenes look at my writing journey and writing *The Road Home* on my blog. Check these posts out.

<https://malissachapin.com/my-writing-journey-part-1/>

<https://malissachapin.com/stories-from-writing-the-road-home-novel/>

<https://malissachapin.com/stories-from-writing-the-road-home-novel-2/>

<https://malissachapin.com/stories-from-writing-the-road-home-novelreturning-thrift-store-treasures/>

My Pinterest board for *The Road Home* has my vision of the book. If you check it out with your bookclub, let me know what they thought.

[https://www.pinterest.com/malissachapin/the-road-home/?invite\\_code=482a7afe236d4f2c9f304b6acac7e388&sender=1043498313569035715](https://www.pinterest.com/malissachapin/the-road-home/?invite_code=482a7afe236d4f2c9f304b6acac7e388&sender=1043498313569035715)

## *About The Author*

Malissa Chapin has a heart for writing stories filled with humor, faith, and truth. She's always adored reading excellent books and is tickled to see her childhood dream of becoming an author finally come true.

Malissa loves creating with words, watercolor, fabric, and yarn. You can find her in her garden, at the piano, homeschooling her bonus baby, or enjoying a coffee with friends.

She lives and sometimes freezes in Wisconsin with her family and a crazy cat.



## *Books By Malissa Chapin*



**A showcase piece for her big event. A musical instrument turned improvised coffin. A deadly sour note that may leave her playing a dirge.**

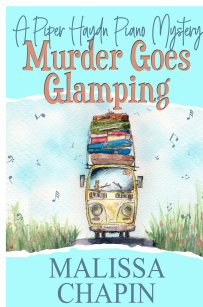
Piper Haydn's nerves are stretched to the max. Fuming that she still hasn't received the Steinway she ordered, the academy owner is in a panic that her student recitals will be ruined. But her relief at the piano's last-minute delivery turns to horror when she finds the corpse of her ex-fiancé stuffed inside.

Distraught that everything could go discordant so quickly, she leans on the kindness of friends as they herd the frightened kids outside only to find the cops already sniffing around. And after the chief of police tells her they're attending a bomb threat and not a murder, things only get worse when she admits knowing the victim.

Can Piper find the killer and bring the case to a compelling coda?

*Murder Goes Solo* is the delightful first book in the Piper Haydn Piano Mysteries cozy series. If you like engaging heroines, close-knit communities, and crazy crimes, then you'll love Malissa Chapin's symphony of suspense.

Buy *Murder Goes Solo* for a captivating criminal composition today!



**She'd rather play a sonata than huddle around a campfire. But when homicide takes the stage, can she bring down the curtain on a killer?**

Piper Haydn enjoys the finer things in life. Coming from wealth, the music academy owner refuses to let her friend drag her out glamor camping until the handsome local police chief's teasing strikes the wrong chord. And returning to the campground late after a piano conference, her panic hits a crescendo when she stumbles on a dead body.

Fleeing in horror and now suspected of committing the evil deed, the terrified thirty-something dives into the investigation to clear her name. Yet with her artsy hippie pal missing, an unpleasant sheriff eager to slap the cuffs on her, and a murderer still on the loose, she fears snooping around could lead to a deadly encore.

Can Piper piece together the cacophony of clues before her next concerto is played behind bars?

*Murder Goes Glamping* is the charming second book in the Piper Haydn Piano Mysteries cozy series. If you like amateur sleuths, loyal friends, and surprising twists, then you'll love Malissa Chapin's cut-throat cadenza.

Buy *Murder Goes Glamping* to orchestrate the perfect crime today!



Merry Noel is a busy woman with no time or patience to celebrate holidays. But when she's fired after going berserk at the office Christmas party, she goes home to visit her mom for the first time in years.

A wise man named Joe, a blizzard, and an unexpected guest help Merry recapture her joy and bring her Hope for Christmas

## *Please Leave a Review*



Reviews help authors more than you know! Please leave a review at one of these sites and encourage your book club to do the same.

Share the book on your social media too!

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**If you're stumped on how to write a review, here are a few tips.**

1. Share a quick summary of the story. Who is the book about? Where is the story set? What's happening in the book?
2. What is your opinion of the story? Include something you liked or did not like.
3. Would you recommend the book to a friend? Why or why not? What type of reader might enjoy this book?



I'd love an email to let me know what your group thought of the story.

If the participants have questions I can answer, I'd love to take the time to do that for you as well.

I know that everyone does not love every book and that's ok. Don't hesitate to send me constructive comments from those who didn't enjoy the book. I can take it!

Thank you again for giving my novel a chance.

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