

Discussion Questions for *Texas Forsaken* by Sherry Shindelar

How and in what ways does Eyes-Like-Sky's faith grow throughout the story?

Writers often give their characters a wound or a flaw, something from their past that they must work to overcome. What is Garret's wound (deeper and further back than his killing Dancing Eagle in self-defense) that he works to overcome in the story? To what extent is he successful?

What are the different ways that Garret works to earn Eyes-Like-Sky's forgiveness and eventually win her heart?

Why are the women of the fort and the colonel so intent on changing Eyes-Like-Sky?

When Garret and Eyes-Like-Sky part at Indianola, their hearts are very far apart. What factors lead to the change in Eyes-Like-Sky's heart that draws her back to her husband to the point she's willing to risk her freedom and temporarily leave her daughter in order to find him and care for him?

What is your favorite quote from the book and why?

If there was an epilogue, what do you think would happen in it?

A reviewer made this comment: Possibly one of the biggest questions the author brings up, is when are we going to stop seeing a group of people as guilty of the wrongs of a few or even some, and judge people on their hearts instead? (She referenced a quote from Garret: "A man should be judged for his own actions. Not his people's.") Discuss examples of characters getting this right and getting this wrong in the story?

Texas Forsaken is part of the Lone Star Redemption Series. In what ways is this a story of redemption? Discuss different incidence of redemption in the story.

Who is your favorite character in the story and why?