

Hope For Christmas
Book Club
Resources
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About Hope For Christmas

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 Wiseman named Joe, a blizzard, and an unexpected guest help Merry recapture her joy and bring her Hope for Christmas.





Thank you for choosing to use my novella Hope For Christmas 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 **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 One

Ice Breaker Questions



Fun 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?
4. Do you enjoy Christmas books? Do you prefer Christmas books to be sweet or scary?

5. Share a favorite Christmas memory.

Chapter Two

Discussion Guide



Hope for Christmas Discussion Guide

1. What did you like best about this book? What did you like least?
2. Did you like the main character? Did you like her mom or Joe? Why or why not? Who are you most like?
3. If you could chat with any character in this book, who would you want to talk to? What would you ask?
4. If you could hear this story from another character's point of view, which character would you choose?
5. Would you read another book by this author? Why or why not?
6. Was the story believable?

7. What was your favorite moment in this book?

8. Would you trade places with any of the characters in this book?

9. Have you ever been snowed in? What did you do?

10. If you're comfortable, share a time when grief made celebrating difficult for you.

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 *Hope for Christmas*
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Chapter Three

Writing Hope For Christmas



I shared a behind the scenes look at my writing journey and fun interviews with Rosie and Piper on my blog. Check these posts out.

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

Writing Hope For Christmas

<https://malissachapin.com/writing-hope-for-christmas/>

My Pinterest board for Hope For Christmas shares my vision of the book. If you check it out with your book club, let me know what they think.

Chapter Four

Ivy Noel's Prize

Winning Fruitcake



2 c. dried apricots (8oz)

2 c. Medjool dates, pitted and halved (8oz)

1 ½ c. dried pineapple chunks (6oz)

1 c. dried Montgomery cherries (6oz)

1 ½ c. pecans, toasted, (6oz)

¾ c. flour, all-purpose

¾ c. coconut sugar or granulated sugar

½ tsp. baking powder

½ tsp. salt

1 ½ tsp. vanilla

3 eggs, room temperature, beaten.

*Preheat oven to 300°

*Line a loaf pan with foil and generously grease it.

*In a small bowl, mix the dry ingredients together & set aside.

*In a large mixing bowl, add all the dried fruit and pecans & mix by hand. Add dry ingredients & stir to coat fruit.

*Add beaten eggs & vanilla. Mix until the mixture is moist. Try not to over mix to avoid breaking the pecans.

*Spread into the prepared loaf pan.

*Bake for 1 ½ hour or until a cake tester inserted in the center comes out clean.

*If the fruitcake begins to darken, cover the top with foil.

*When the tester comes out clean, remove from the oven and cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes.

*Remove from pan & cool completely. Wrap in plastic wrap or store in a large plastic container in the refrigerator.

*Paul Peterson's Bountiful Fruitcake recipe
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About The Author

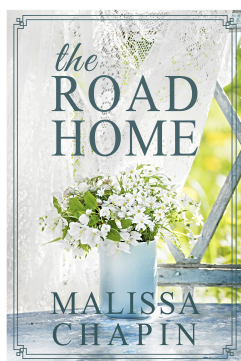
Malissa Chapin has a heart for writing stories filled with humor, faith, and truth. She's always adored reading excellent books and is tickled to see her childhood dream of becoming an author finally come true.

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.



Other Books By Malissa Chapin



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.

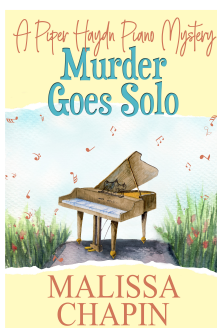
Kentucky, 1940's. Ida Bealle Horne aches for a baby. Deeply in love with her preacher husband, she despairs that God will never grace her Appalachian home with the laughter of a child. So when a knock at the door comes one stormy night, she thanks the Almighty when a granny shoves a newborn into her 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!



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 cutthroat cadenza.

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

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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!

Bookbub

Goodreads

Amazon

**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.

If you or your bookclub would like to help support mothers who'd like to keep their babies, search Heartbeat International to find a pregnancy resource center near you. Perhaps you can volunteer to help them with a project or check out their wish list to support clients

and their babies. Financial and material support
is always welcome as are gifts of time.

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