

## Finding Home ~ Discussion Questions

1. Rather than a contemporary setting, this book ventures into the past around the Regency era in England...with references to other real historical events like the Napoleonic Wars and the Barbary pirates raiding the coastline for slaves. Is there a time period in history you would like to learn more about? Would you like to see a particular event from a different perspective?
2. Books give us the opportunity to visit other countries and experience their cultures. This book is set in multiple places including the Lake District in far northern England. Have you ever been to England? What part of their culture would you be most interested in experiencing?
3. Which character in the book did you relate to the most? Why? Did you have a favorite scene?
4. The situations in this book held strong similarities to fairy tales like Cinderella and The Goose Girl (or The Prince and the Pauper)...and then took those familiar plots in a different direction. Did you like the differences or would you have preferred a closer re-telling instead? Do you have a favorite fairy tale? A least favorite that you think has been overdone?
5. Susannah's song played a key role in the story, especially since it was used as a lament for soldiers lost in war. Did the old Scottish words distract too much from the story or could you piece together enough of the meaning? If there was a theme song to your life (or a season in your life), what is it and why?
6. The story title and goal of each character was *Finding Home*. What were they really searching for? Is home an actual place or a state of mind that can be found in different settings? How do you know when you're at home?
7. Nicholas spent his life trying to live up to his father's expectations and carry the Pennington name with pride. Meanwhile, Susannah spent years following her father's wish for her to get along with her stepmother and stepsisters. Have you ever tried to live up to someone's expectations to the detriment of yourself? How important is a father's love in a child's development?
8. The concept of inheritance played a critical role in the story as both Nicholas and Susannah had to fight to reclaim what was rightfully theirs. The Bible says that believers are adopted to become children of God and joint heirs with his Son. As a child of the true King with an inheritance, are there responsibilities that come with that gift? How does this truth impact your daily life?