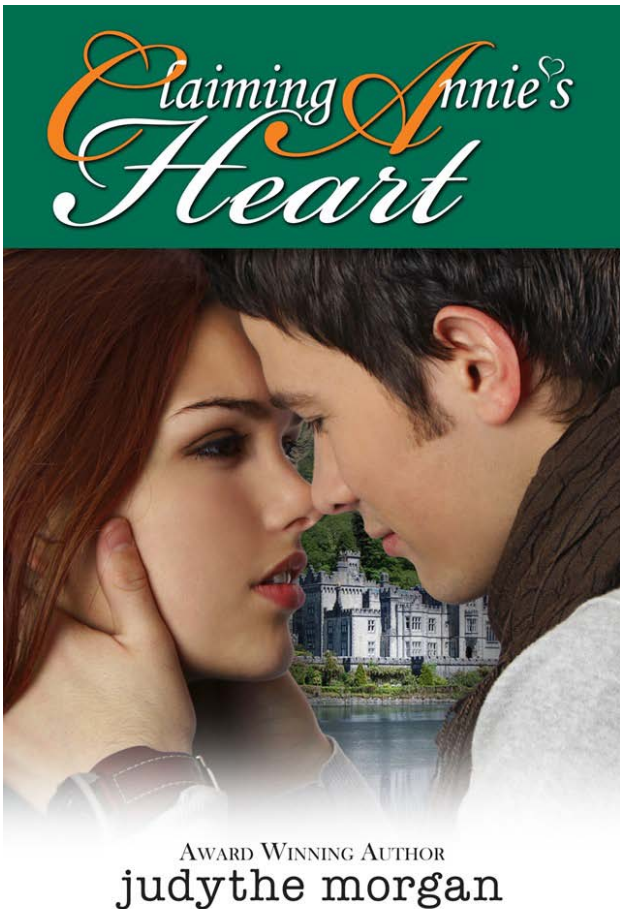


CLAIMING ANNIE'S HEART



1. Annie lives in Northern Ireland. Were you familiar with the differences between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland? Did the discussions about *The Troubles* surprise or disturb you? Did the setting add to the story?
2. At eighteen, Annie made the decision not to return to her affluent parents' home in Houston, instead she chose to be a nanny and live above an Irish pub. In your opinion, was that a wise choice at her age? Why or why not?
3. What do you think motivated Pearce's marriage proposal? Were he and Annie both settling and not following their hearts?
4. Annie's concern for Emma's feelings made her choice difficult. Do you think when Emma is older she will understand Annie's decision?
5. At first Chad was unwilling to give Annie up and pursued her even though she was engaged to another man. Was that an ethical action or should he have walked away?
6. Lorraine and R.J. Foster kept the identity of Annie's birth mother from her. Forgiveness sometimes seems impossible. It feels like saying what happened is okay when it truly isn't. What acts would you find so heinous that they are unforgivable? If you were Annie, would you forgive Lorraine and R.J.?
7. Did Annie make the choice you expected?
8. If the story had an epilogue, what do you think will happen?



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