



## Wedding Bell Blues (The Piper Cove Chronicles)

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### Introduction

*Wedding Bell Blues* tells the delightful story of four best friends who have returned to their small hometown on the eastern shore of Maryland, Piper Cove.

Alex Butler is a successful home decorator who hopes she has finally gotten her life together. But when Josh Turner, the man who ran away and broke her heart sixteen years ago, returns to Piper Cove to be the best man in her sister's wedding, Alex can't escape the butterflies in her stomach. But Alex has no time for distractions, her family has enlisted her to make this the wedding of the century. To pull the event off, she pools the talents of her three best friends - Jan, who creates desserts to-die-for will help with the cake and catering, tomboy Ellen, who works at a landscaping business will handle the flowers and decorations, and Sue Anne, who can . . . well, Suzie Q can give Alex a much-needed reality check in the course of the wedding planning chaos.

But fate won't be stopped in this small town as Alex and Josh keep running into each other at every turn. When sparks fly, Alex soon finds herself caught in a paralyzing battle of the heart between her old-fashioned Southern father, who fiercely resents Josh for breaking his little girl's heart, and her feelings for the one man she ever truly loved.

As the wedding approaches, the Butler family faces a threat to their reputation that will shake this Chesapeake clan to their very core. In the midst of it all, can Alex and Josh resist the many forces that seem to be drawing them together?

### Questions for Discussion

1. There is a saying, "Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold." How is that played out in this book? Do you find it a stretch that four women from different social backgrounds and at different places in their faith journeys are still best of friends?
2. Do you think Alex and Ellen handle their faith differences with Sue Ann and Jan well? Would you like these four women for friends? Do have any friends like them?
3. How is Alex conflicted by Josh's return? Could you forgive and trust someone who'd abandoned you and returned years later, claiming to be different? How willing would you be to give them a second chance?
4. Can you sympathize with Josh's reasons for leaving? Do you believe that he really loved Alex? How might things have been different, had God been part of the equation when they were first married?
5. How has Alex changed since Josh's departure years ago? How has Josh? What conflicts do they continually run into? Will that ever change?
6. How are Sue Ann, Jan, and Ellen's perspectives about love and/or finding the right man different or similar?
7. Lenora Butler changes from a depressed mother to one ready to fight for her family. What do you think prompts this change? Aside from chemical, or biological factors, what might have been at the root of Lenora's depression?
8. How would you describe B.J.'s relationship with Alex? Do you know people like B.J. Butler?
9. Alex is torn between wanting the approval and love of both her father and Josh. Is this so atypical in inter-family relationships? Do you think that honoring one's mother and father is in conflict with leaving one's parents behind to become one in marriage? What gives you hope that this conflict might not be so divisive this time for Alex and Josh?
10. At what pivotal point does Alex realize she loves and forgives Josh? What lessons does Alex learn regarding her faith throughout the book? What struggles does Josh have with his? Do you feel that these faith trials will affect the future of their marriage? How?

### About the Author

Linda Windsor, a native of Maryland's Eastern Shore, is the author of eighteen historical novels and nine contemporary romances for both the secular and Christian market. A Christy Award finalist, Linda has received numerous awards in both the ABA and CBA including the Romantic Writers of America's Beacon Award. She lives in Salisbury, MD.

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