



Discussion Guide

Yours, Unexpectedly

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Book 2, *Love, Unexpectedly* (Kat Fallon's story) – an “emotionally compelling, sexy contemporary romance” (*Publishers Weekly*); Kensington Brava; April 2010;

Book 3, *His, Unexpectedly* (Jenna Fallon's story) – a *Publishers Weekly* starred review and one of *PW's* top 10 romances of spring 2011; Kensington Brava; February 2011]

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Now, let's talk about *Yours, Unexpectedly*. I suggest you skim through the questions and pick the ones that interest you the most.

1. *For those who have read the first three Wild Ride to Love books.* Was the beginning of this one a surprise? Did you expect M&M to get married, or had you seen hints in the previous books that there might be problems with their relationship?
2. *Runaway bride.* What do you think of the beginning of this book – and of other books and movies where the bride calls off the wedding right before it's about to happen? Did Merilee make the right decision or should she have gone through with the wedding and tried to work things out afterward?
3. *The groom's response.* What did you think of Matt's reaction when Merilee said she wanted to postpone the wedding? Did your sympathies lie with him, her, or both of them? Should he have “fought for her” at that point? If he had, how would it have changed their story?
4. *Long-term relationships.* Do you know any couples in long-term relationships who've gone through a “it's become boring; I want more than this” stage? Can you relate to that? What do you think is the best way for each person, and for the couple, to deal with this problem?
5. *Who is Merilee?* What's her life like, what does she want, how does she see herself at the beginning of the story? How do these change over the course of the story, and where does she end up? How does the break-up influence that? And how does Matt influence that?
6. *Who is Matt?* What's his life like, what does he want, how does he see himself at the beginning of the story? How do these change over the course of the story, and where does he end up? How does the break-up influence that? And how does Merilee influence that?
7. *The sister who's lucky in love.* Merilee, growing up with larger-than-life sisters, claimed her identity when she met Matt – as half of M&M, and the sister who's lucky in love. Why did she need to create her own identity? How did it shape her, and her relationship with Matt?
8. *Matt's role in M&M.* Was Matt a passive partner in creating and maintaining the M&M identity over the years, or did it serve an important purpose for him, too? How did each of his parents shape Matt's character and his life?

9. *Birth order.* Merilee is the fourth of four sisters – and much younger than the other three. How has that fact, and family history, shaped her? And how about you? What’s your order in your family, and do you think that’s affected you?
10. *One and only.* M&M have been each other’s “one and only” since age 7. On the cruise ship, each of them meets a couple of potential new lovers, but neither of them goes for it. Should they have? Should a person try out a few romantic/sexual relationships before settling down with one person?
11. *Growing up.* This book is really about Merilee and Matt each becoming an adult. How and when do teens and young adults mature and take on adult roles and responsibilities? How did you do it? How about your significant other? Did you make that journey as individuals or together? And if you have children who are teens or adults, how are they making – or did they make – that journey themselves?
12. *Journeys.* The four-book series is called Wild Ride to Love, and each book involves travel – a physical journey. For each heroine and hero in each book, a personal, emotional journey is also involved, and so is a romantic one. For Merilee and Matt, how do their journeys – physical, personal, and romantic – all weave together and affect each other? Could they have reached a happy ending as a couple if they hadn’t both gone on the cruise?
13. *Having a baby.* M&M both always envisioned marriage and children, then they found out she had endometriosis and might never get pregnant. How do pregnancy issues affect her and Matt’s relationship over the course of time?
14. *Steps ahead and steps back.* The development of any relationship tends to involve steps ahead and steps back, and that’s particularly true with M&M. What are some of the steps they take, and what leads each of them to advance or retreat at that particular time?
15. *Costumes.* What effect do the flapper and pirate costumes have on Merilee and Matt, in terms of how they view themselves and how they view each other?
16. *Make-overs.* Both Merilee and Matt have make-overs in terms of their clothing and hairstyle. Why do they each do it? What effect does it have on them? How do the appearance make-overs tie in with their character growth?
17. *Family advice.* What advice does Merilee get from her family over the course of the story, and how does it affect her? And what about for Matt, with his mother and with Nav?
18. *Merilee’s big secret.* Near the end of the book, Merilee keeps a big secret from Matt. Can you relate to why she does this? Should she have told him? When he finds out, can you relate to his reaction? How does this new development affect their relationship?
19. *The grand romantic gesture.* Is it immature of Merilee to want one? Or does every woman deserve that special moment? How does Matt satisfy Merilee’s desire for one?
20. *Your favorite scene.* What was your favorite part of this book, or favorite scene? What made it special for you?
21. *A happy ending?* Do you think M&M will have a “happy ever after” life together?
22. *Playing favorites.* If you’ve read all the Wild Ride to Love books, which is your favorite, and why? Which sister do you like best, and why? Which hero? Which romance?

I’d love to hear your thoughts on some of these questions and issues! Email me at susan@susanlyons.ca. And don’t forget to drop by my website: www.susanfox.ca.