

Book Club Kit

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Logan made plans to court Karen, but ran into an obstacle when he asked his friend for help. Have you ever made plans only to hit an obstacle that left you in need of another course of action?
- 2. What do you think of Logan's solution? Did he make a good choice? Why or why not?
- 3. Logan sustains an injury when he is already immersed in a crisis. He sees his new challenge as working to his advantage. Have you ever had a circumstance enter your life that at first looked like a trial but ended up working in your favor?
- 4. Anna and Karen become close friends throughout the story. Who is your close friend? Why does that friendship mean so much to you?
- 5. Karen gets immersed into a conflict between herself and other families who send their children to school What does she learn about herself and about the community where she lives?
- 6. Have you ever been in a burning building or rescued from a fire.?
- 7. How did the death of a brother bring the rest of the Kent family to choose faith?
- 8. What role does Eldon play in Logan's life? What role does Logan play in Eldon's? What makes these men mutual enemies? What makes them mutual friends?
- 9. Logan's faith gets tested near the end of the story. In what ways did the testing benefit him? In what ways did the testing benefit his relationship with Karen? Why do you think God puts his children through tests?
- 10.Have you ever experienced a test of faith? How did it benefit you? What did it teach you?

His Eye is On the Sparrow

This hymn was written in 1906, which makes it a new hymn in the year 1911, when the story of *Promise for Tomorrow* takes place. It reminds us of God's tender care for us, making it a perfect song to include in a story about promises.

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely, and long for Heaven and home? When Jesus is my portion, my constant Friend is He. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I'm free. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Let's Learn a Little Dutch...

Logan's father, John De Witt, immigrated from Holland to Iowa in 1875, and brought with him a heritage that he passed on to Logan, including a basic understanding of the language. Dutch words are sprinkled throughout the story in *Promise for Tomorrow*. Here is a list of the words with their English translation.

> guilder - The basic monetary unit of the Netherlands equal to 100 cents. It looks like a gold penny.

> > Dominee - clergyman

opa - grandfather

moeder - mother

schuur - barn

slapen - sleep