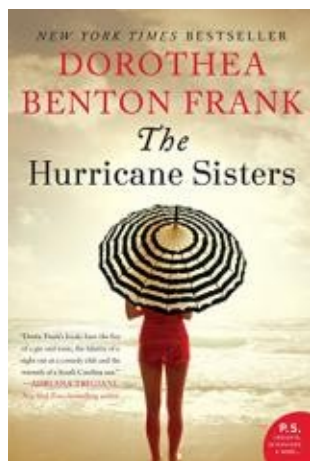


Lillie M. Evans Library District Book Club

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Biography:



Dorothea Benton Frank was born and reared on Sullivan's Island, South Carolina. Her interest in retail apparel took her to Atlanta GA where she graduated from The Fashion Institute of America. She worked for several apparel companies and retired from the industry in 1985. In 1983 she married Peter Richard Frank and moved to Montclair, NJ. While her children were young, Ms. Frank volunteered for various non-profit organizations around the Metropolitan New York area. Her first novel, Sullivan's Island debuted in 2000. Ms. Frank is an avid cook, enjoys fly fishing, reading and travel and is a frequent speaker on the creative process for students of all ages. She divides her time between the Lowcountry of South Carolina and New Jersey. (<http://www.dotfrank.com/>. Retrieved 7/21/2015.)

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Discussion Questions:

1. Is this family truly dysfunctional, or are they normal? Are they happy?
2. Why doesn't Liz approve of her mother's relationship with Skipper? Why do we allow social disapproval to keep us from who or what we want?
3. Are we a society too quick to divorce? Is forgiveness a weakness? How can Clayton regain Liz's trust?
4. How does Dorothea Benton Frank use the location of her beloved Carolina Lowcountry as a character in the story? How much does place define who we are?
5. Abuse is an important theme in the novel. Do you think our society takes this issue seriously enough? What might have happened to Ashley if she didn't have her family behind her?
6. Think about the three generation of women. Have our notions of romantic relationships changed?
7. Which character embodies change the most in the novel?
8. Are their parents wrong to try to dissuade Ashley and her friend from pursuing their dreams? Is it better to pursue what makes you happy or what makes you money? Why do we have to choose? (Questions from the publisher)