

# Secrets of Grace Manor

## Reader Discussion Guide

- The Hawaiian culture revolves around ohana (family)—whether they be blood relatives, adopted, or through love and caring those we make “our ohana.” They promote the care, protection, and support of both ohana and the environment. Discuss these Hawaiian beliefs and what we can all learn from them. What role does ohana— friends, family, community—play in *Secrets of Grace Manor*?
- Included at the beginning of this book, there is a description of The Aloha Spirit Law. What do you think about this law? Does it have value? Do you feel it serves a purpose? What ways and means might humankind spread aloha?
- Kate’s relationship with God is significant to her in *Secrets of Grace Manor* and other books in the Kate Grace series. Discuss this and why her relationship with the Divine is vital in her life.
- In *Secrets of Grace Manor* (and other Kate Grace novels), Kate’s dreams are often prophetic. Have you ever had a dream or intuition that has transpired in real life?
- In *Secrets of Grace Manor*, Kate learns many things about her heritage. Have you ever explored your family tree? Alex Haley, author of *Roots: The Saga of an American Family*, writes: “In every conceivable manner, the family is link to our past, bridge to our future.” What are your thoughts?
- In *Secrets of Grace Manor* and other Kate Grace novels, Kate has a close relationship with her mother and father. Some experts say that while children may sometimes become distant as teens, as they mature, they become closer to their parents. Do you believe this? If so, why do you think this is so? Discuss your experiences.
- In *Secrets of Grace Manor*, Kate and her father have to deal with prejudice and intolerance in the workplace. Kate’s ancestor Elizabeth had to deal with marrying above her class as well as issues faced by being a woman during the 1800s, and religious prejudices. Have you ever been a victim of prejudice or intolerance? How did you react? What have you learned from your experiences? What does mankind need to learn or do when it comes to these topics?

- Through Kate's eyes, her photography, and experiences in Kauai, the reader can glimpse a taste of Hawaii. What scenes or images resonate with you most?
- Which scenes/chapters in *Secrets of Grace Manor* moved you the most and why?

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