


The Midwife's Dilemma

 AT HOME IN TRINITY #3
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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS WITH DELIA PARR
1. *The Midwife's Dilemma* is the final book in the AT HOME IN TRINITY trilogy. What are the advantages of writing a three-book series?

The best part of writing a trilogy like mine is having the opportunity to really immerse myself and readers in a small, nineteenth-century town like Trinity. It almost feels like taking a sabbatical for a year and spending it with a real variety of townspeople who become our friends and neighbors. Along with the heroine, we share their hopes and dreams, their challenges and their triumphs. We even get to enjoy all four seasons! The highlight for me, though, is spending much more time with my heroine. In this series, midwife Martha Cade is an amazing woman—as flawed as we are, but strong in both faith and will.

Are there any disadvantages?

The challenge for me is keeping track of everyone in Trinity! I had to draw a huge map showing all the businesses, homes, and geographic features so I wouldn't forget where they were from book to book. After spending so much time with the folks in Trinity, though, it was even harder to say good-bye than it usually is when I finish a single novel.

2. Why do you think so many readers are drawn to trilogies, while some seem reluctant to try one?

As a reader myself, I love reading an interconnected series of books because reading them is like going home again, and I think that's true for lots of readers. The setting and some of the characters are already familiar to us, and it's fun to revisit them. It's also exciting to discover new characters and try to anticipate how they're going to complicate matters! For readers who are reluctant to try one, I really encourage them to take the risk. As an author, I work very hard to make sure that each book in the trilogy can stand alone, yet when read with the others it just becomes a richer story.

3. What do you hope readers will remember most about the AT HOME IN TRINITY trilogy?

Each reader, I believe, will take what speaks to her heart from each of the three books, and I'm anxious to hear from readers after they read *The Midwife's Dilemma*. In the end, I hope what comes shining through the books, particularly through midwife Martha Cade, is that we are all treasured and loved by God, that He loves us beyond our understanding, and that when we follow His word, our lives are richer and fuller and more meaningful—and so are the lives of our families, our friends, and our neighbors. Just as God is Martha's strength, her protector, and her comforter, He is always there, ever faithful, waiting to be ours.