

**Reading Group Guide for
Once Upon a Summertime
by Melody Carlson**

1. Anna felt stuck in a dead-end job. Have you ever felt like that before? Explain how you moved on.
2. Doors open for Anna to go to a dream location. If you could pick a dream location for the next year of your life, what place would you choose and why?
3. What was your first impression of Sean? And your second impression?
4. Marley seemed like a good friend to Anna at first, but their relationship seemed to be missing substance. Describe the qualities you look for in a good friend.
5. Anna was disappointed about not getting the hotel manager's job, but she still rolled up her sleeves to take over managing housekeeping. Why was that a good thing? Or why not?
6. Sean was a blast from Anna's past. How would you react if your path crossed with an old "crush"?
7. What do you think of "romance in the workplace"? Good or bad idea?
8. If you had to take a job in a boutique hotel, what would you like to do?
9. What is your favorite place you've ever visited and why?
10. What was your favorite part of New York City?
11. If you could pick the next location for the next *Once Upon a Summertime* novel, which place would you choose? (Feel free to email your answer to melodycarlsonbooks@gmail.com if you like.)



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