

## Running Wild

### K.A. Tucker Reading Group Guide

This reading group guide for *Running Wild* includes discussion questions and ideas for enhancing your book club. The following questions are intended to help your group find topics for your discussion. Hope you enjoyed the story.

#### ***Blurb:***

Veterinarian Marie Lehr knows unrequited love all too well after pining for her best friend, only to watch him marry another woman. It's a mistake she will never make again, especially not when she can practically hear the clock ticking on her childbearing years.

The trouble is, she can't seem to find anyone who appeals to her even a fraction as much as that burly bush pilot did. Competitive musher Tyler Brady certainly doesn't, especially not after the heated altercation with the handsome but arrogant, spiteful man.

Or so she thinks.

While volunteering at the Iditarod Sled Dog Race, Marie discovers that first impressions may have been false, and her attraction to Tyler is very real. But his heart belongs to someone else, leaving him with nothing to offer but friendship. Marie's been down this road before and knows how that ends. Yet, no matter how hard she works to keep from falling for Tyler, it seems she's doomed to follow her own trail once again.

From the internationally bestselling author of *The Simple Wild* comes the story of a woman at a crossroads in her life, struggling between the safe route and the one that will only lead to more heartbreak.

#### **Topics & Questions for Discussion**

1. Have you read the first three books in the *Simple Wild* series? If yes, do you feel as though you have a better understanding of Marie's choices? If you didn't read them, did you appreciate going into the book blind when it comes to Marie?
2. Marie and Tyler's first encounter is not a meet-cute. What are your feelings about the nature of their first meeting and the parallels of Tyler and Marie's devotions to these animals?
3. Tyler is dealing with an exceptional amount of grief. Do you feel that his hesitation with Marie makes sense?
4. Marie's family is a big part of her story. What are your thoughts on the dynamic of the relationships between each character?

5. Loss is an overarching theme throughout the book. Discuss how the different characters deal with their respective loss. Why do you think this was such a strong theme throughout the story?
6. Marie makes a lot of life changes by the end of the book. Do you think that these changes would have happened if Tyler hadn't showed up in her life when he did? Do you feel that Marie's struggles are relatable to a lot of women?
7. Marie and Tyler showed a great deal of character growth in the year that the story takes place. What are your thoughts on the way in which these two characters changed throughout the story?
8. Are there any quotes you re-read or highlighted? If so, which ones and why did they stand out for you?