

*Saving Grace* (Katie 1, WDKY 1) by Pamela Fagan Hutchins  
Discussion Questions (SPOILER ALERT)

1. In the first third of the book, how did Katie's behavior make you feel? Did her struggles with alcohol make her seem weak? What did you think was at the heart of her meltdown?
2. Katie says she's going to St. Marcos to find out what happened to her parents and to stop drinking. Do you think these were her real reasons or the only reasons? Were you able to relate to her desire to run away from her problems?
3. What parallels and what dichotomies did you see between life in the islands and life in "civilization?"
4. What role did Zane McMillan and his disastrous trial play in Katie's development? In her defense of Ava?
5. Compare Katie's friendships with Ava, Emily, and Rashidi. Why do you think she develops relationships with each of them? Does she trust them? Should she?
6. Was it believable to you that Katie's parents were killed because they had recognized Gregory and Lisa? Was it plausible that the sole investigator on the island was in Gregory's pocket?
7. Did you develop any theories about who or what Annalise is? Who is she to Katie?
8. What do you think the author was trying to say about women in *Saving Grace*?
9. Did Katie have to let Nick go, in the end? How did her new relationship with Bart work for you?
10. Why do you think Katie buried her mother's ring, and did you agree with her decision? What importance does her family play in her life?