

## Content Guide

### Title: Charting the Course

**Themes:** Forgiveness, Importance of Family, Deepening faith, Integrity, Friendship

**Educational Value:** This story focuses on the importance of family and telling the truth despite the consequences. The main character discovers a mysterious lodge and explores the history of her new home. This research touches on some interesting historical elements such as Prohibition, Veteran Issues, and the Underground Railroad.

**Positive Messages:** Surrendering all to God, trusting completely in Him and having the faith that He can use us in all situations.

**Spiritual Messages:** The main character is Catholic but due to recent traumas in her life, feels that her prayers are not answered causing her to question her faith. She meets a young man, Reid, and a few friends who help her to realize that God has never abandoned her and that He has been watching over her and may actually be calling her for something special.

**Positive Role Models:** Reid and his family are strong Catholics and warmly welcome Emerson and her father. Emerson also grows in her faith through the friends she meets through Reid's youth group, as well as several older members of the community.

**Violence/Gore:** There are some serious crimes mentioned from the main character's past but nothing graphic. There are intense moments in the climax of the story but nothing gory.

**Sexuality:** There is a growing romance in the story. The couple share some romantic moments but no kiss.

**Language:** none

**Drinking, Drugs & Smoking:** none

### WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

**Rating Scale: MODERATE**

Scale:

Light- For all readers.

Moderate - Story includes subject matter for teens 13 plus

Advanced - Although not graphic in description, the subject matter is recommended for teens older than 15.