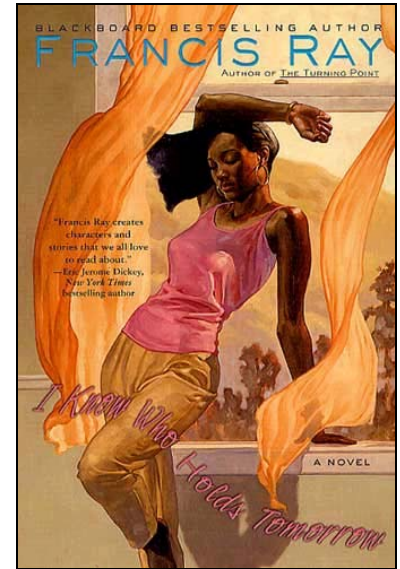


# READING GROUP GUIDE

## *I Know Who Holds Tomorrow* by Francis Ray



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### Introduction to *I Know Who Holds Tomorrow*

In her mind's eyes, she could see Wes, tall and elegant in his tailored tuxedo with a patterned vest, black tie, and snow white pocket square. Her red Valentino slip gown highlighted her honeyed complexion and chocolate brown eyes. The gown also picked up the red in Wes's vest and the red in the rose in his lapel.

They were the perfect couple and it was show time. And she wanted to scream.

Madison Reed, popular talk show host and America's darling and her husband, well-known TV correspondent Wes Reed is everyone's idea of the perfect couple. But no one knows that after the loss of their child, they became no more than polite strangers, maintaining the façade, revealing only picture perfect happiness. But Madison's world is turned upside down when Wes is critically injured in a car accident and a woman is killed. Before he dies, Wes confesses that the woman who was killed was his mistress---and that he is the father of her nine-month-old daughter, Manda. He begs Madison to raise the child. Unsure if she can, Madison struggles to take charge of her fate and put her life back together. Overwhelmed, she accepts the help of Zachary Holman, her husband's best friend, only to discover that his life is also shrouded by lies. Can she forgive and forget---not just once, but twice?

### Reading Group Guide Questions

1. A lot has been said and published about the disintegration of the family. What do you think are the most important elements in staying happily married? Sexual compatibility? Financial success? Education? What?

2. Madison and Wes both had busy, high-profile careers and were often apart. Can a marriage survive if the couple spends a great deal of time away from each other? How?
3. In researching *I Know Who Holds Tomorrow*, I interviewed a lot of women to ask if, given the same circumstances Madison faced, they would take Manda. The majority said yes. Some even related they'd grown up in a blended family. Others emphatically said no way. What is your opinion? Why?
4. Zachary helped Wes because he loved him, and because he was his half-brother. Are there occasions when family members ask too much? Was this one of those times? Initially what would you have done in Zachary's place?
5. How do you feel about older men/younger women, and younger men/older woman being in a relationship? Can it work? Do you immediately rule out a person because of age?
6. People often show the side of them that is most flattering. Do your friends really know the real "you" or do they only see what you want them to see?
7. Who holds your tomorrows? Why?

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