

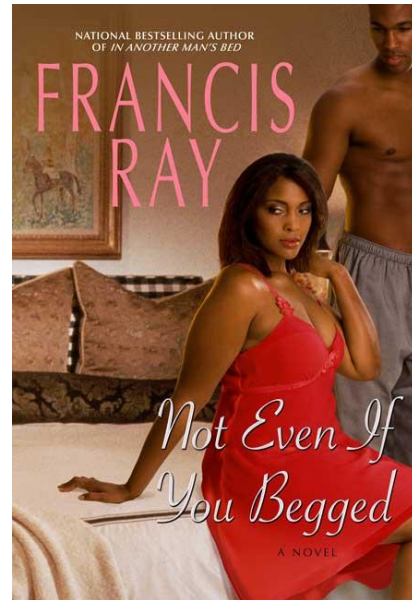
READING GROUP GUIDE

Not Even If You Begged

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About this Guide

The following author biography and list of questions about *Not Even If You Begged* are intended as resources to aid individual readers and book groups who would like to learn more about the author and this book. We hope that this guide will provide you a starting place for discussion, and suggest a variety of perspectives from which you might approach *Not Even If You Begged*.

About the Book

Widow Traci Evans happily sits in on meetings with the lovely ladies of the *Invincible Sisterhood* solely because they reached out to her first. A loner, Traci feels for the first time she belongs. All of the official members are sweet older women who have lost the love of their lives, their husbands. Unknown to them, Traci is more angry than she is grief-stricken because her husband died in the midst of cheating on her with another woman.

Her husband's deception has hardened Traci's heart so much that even close friend and next door neighbor Maureen can't convince her to open it again. But when a playful kiss with Maureen's gorgeous son Ryan turns passionate, Traci starts to rethink everything she knows about love.

About the Author

Francis Ray is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the Grayson novels, the Falcon books, the Taggart Brothers, and *Twice the Temptation*, among many other romances. Her novel *Incognito* was made into a movie aired on BET. A native Texan, she is a graduate of Texas Woman's University and has a degree in nursing. Besides a writer, she is a school nurse practitioner with the Dallas Independent School District. She lives in Dallas.



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Discussion Questions

1. Has anyone ever asked you out and you thought, “not even if you begged”? Did you remain firm or did you later go out with the person? What happened?
2. Traci let her deceased husband influence her attitude about men. How do you get over a bad relationship and open your heart to love again?
3. Maureen wanted the deep bond of love again, but thought she was too old for Simon. Can you be “too old” to want love and companionship? Why or why not?
4. Simon was ten years younger than Maureen. Should age matter in a relationship? Does it matter if the man or woman is younger/older?
5. Traci was confident about her full figure until a teasing word caused her to doubt herself. Why is that a man can make a woman second-guess herself?
6. Maureen and Traci had an argument that almost cost them their friendship when Maureen said things that Traci told her in confidence. Has a friend ever betrayed you? Answer this silently. Did you lose your friend?
7. Ryan didn’t take his mother dating very well. Why is that males are often overprotective of their mothers? Are they being selfish or are they just concerned?

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