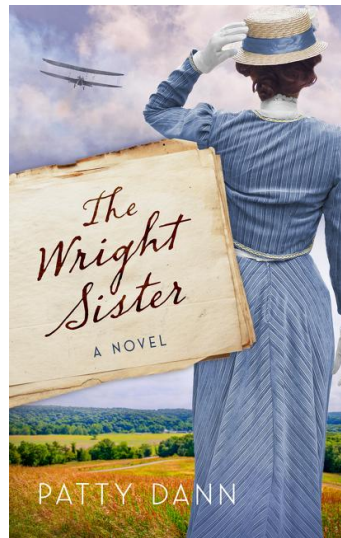


THE WRIGHT SISTER by Patty Dann
Reading Group Guide



1. What do you think caused the rift between Orville and Katharine?
2. Do you think Katharine Wright ever regretted marrying Harry Haskell, leaving Dayton and losing all contact with her brother, Orville?
3. How have things changed over the past 100 years for second wives who move into the social circle of the first wife?
4. If these events happened today, Katharine and Orville would have been using Social Media. Katharine and Orville would have “seen” what each other was doing even though they were 600 miles apart. Do you think that would have mended or hurt their relationship?
5. This is a novel and we do not know how much Katharine did try to contact Orville during her marriage. If there is a rift between adult siblings, how important is it to try and bridge the divide?

6. Susan Wright, often called “The Mother of Flight,” died young. How do you think Katharine’s life would have been different if her mother had lived?
7. Do you think Katharine could have done anything besides write letters to her brother to repair their relationship?
8. What would have happened if Harry Haskell had left his job in Kansas City and moved to Dayton when he married Katharine? Would that have helped the relationship between Katharine and Orville?
9. Do you think Katharine Wright did help design the first airplane?
10. When a woman marries a widower, how important is it to honor her husband’s late wife? Do you think it is different if the first marriage ended in divorce?