

**T. T. McGil 's Book Club Topics**  
for  
**Sparrow: The Water's Edge**



- What is the etiology of Sparrow and Luke's relationship?
- What keeps appearing to Sparrow? How? Why?
- How in the world did these two people meet?
- Where does Tabitha fit into the picture?
- How does Sparrow respond in distress?
- The couch-surfing male vagabond, who is he?
- Little Busys' discernment, what does it mean?
- What perplexes Dean Baby during his encounter with Sparrow?
- Step inside of Grandma's Liz's graveside debacle.
- What is the concern over collard greens and cornbread?
- Who is Lucinda? What's the mystery behind her?
- The safe contents box-*what the what?*
- It's going down at The Big Gulp.
- What is uncovered in *The Bottoms*?
- What is the significance of The Abigail?
- The encounter at the vigil!
- The Norton's, bless their hearts.
- What are the brutal confessions?

**Q & A—Sparrow: The Water's Edge  
for  
Your Author, T.T. MCGIL**



**Why should we add this book to our collection?**

I am here celebrating all women and their creativity and their passion for life. Some do this through art, singing, music, poetry-*whatever platform women are born to be creative*. Look how we craft our lives, connect with our fellow sisters, nurture our families, and for me writing is one of my creative outlets, to balance life. Also, as women with our journey, we are wise and have nuggets to share. And that is what I wanted to unveil not just a fairy tale story about life, but a storyline intertwined with mystery and suspense that would drop some pearls about life, the dynamics of friendships, and to be surrealistic about the nuances of family dynamics. We love our families, however well one attempt to *dress them up*, our families are not perfect. In some instances this book illustrates how the characters are able and capable to love through and work through the differences scratching beneath the surface of what appears in life. I was told by one of the T.T. McGil followers, as a result of the book-they were able to see a relationship

with a family member in a different way, and resolve a family issue. That is what my creativity is about, being an inspiration for faith, change, and hope.

**What would you say to someone that is a newbie to the mystery suspense thriller genre, why would they want to read this book?**

More than the genre, I am so excited about the creative space of books, series, and film. This is a storyline that you will dive right in and it is easy to follow and read. I had one semi-avid reader tell me that she read this book in 24 hours, and the max was 3 days for a great time to steal away. During some time, at the park, on the couch, in a book club, you will find a little piece of Sparrow in each of you.

**Tell us why the name Sparrow for the main character, an unusual name, has to have some meaning behind that name?**

I've been asked that question so many times, why not pick a "regular" name for your main character, but as women of color we are not regular, we are phenomenal. To add, Sparrow-symbolically stands for protection, productivity, joy, simplicity, unity and a friend to all. Thus, I knew this character embodied all of those characteristics—to put it simply, ALL ladies out

there when you look in the mirror you desire to see a *Sparrow*=a bad boss chic all about God, her family and friends.

### **What is the message that you believe that this story is leaving with each reader?**

Despite what you are going through or have going through, you can and will get through it. Have faith, dig your heels and face the grit of life head on.

### **Has becoming a writer taught you anything?**

To work on my faith muscle! I'm very creative by nature. Furthermore, I enjoy a good movie and book, it's all about the storyline, in addition how relatable the book is to me. I'm intrigued by all genres. Never in a million years, would I'd guessed I'd be a writer. I've garnered so much. One pearl of wisdom that I would like to share is, no matter how good the story is, you have to make sure you are aligned with the right editors in order to make sure your creative work is not distracted by grammatical mistakes or other editing faux-pas. For my first book, I had 3 editors, transparently the initial final product was not what I thought it should be. Many asked, why updated edited versions, I say, there is always room for improvement. This series was set out to be six books,

then I settled on 3 books. For my last book, I was absolutely honored to have editing completed by the legendary writer and filmmaker Zane. She challenged me to make sure all of my work was top notch, aligned with the greatness that God would have it to be. Thus the re-editing. That would be my biggest sound advice. It's all a part of the journey, once you know better you do better. This is a part of life.

### **We all have quirks; what quirks does Dr. Sparrow Mack have?**

Dr. Sparrow Make is an incredibly complex character. She adds the layer of detective to one of the many hats she wears. Some of the situations that she lands herself in, will cause you to yell at the book, and want to just pick up the phone and call her and say, "Girl, what are you thinking?"

There may be a little sprinkle of Sparrow nestled in each of us, we all are attempting to get better, bit by bit.

### **What is the importance of Luke in the story?**

I believe that the importance of Luke is to illustrate the true dynamics of what real devotion and friendship is. Each of us is very unique, complex—Sparrow is the polar opposite of Luke. On the surface, one may seem on the mountain top, the

other in the valley. Nonetheless, as you turn the pages of all of the books, the perception may change if who is the prince versus who is the pauper, as the cryptic details of the tales evolve.

***Sparrow-isms*, you have referenced in interviews that you have done. What are they?**

Sparrow is quick witted, within this book, you will find in the novels that you are in Sparrows' brain—very complex. You will see her cerebral cortex/processing her next move, next action in addition to her next mountain that she must climb. She has a natural snapback wit—a true intellectual thought-provoking sister. *Sparrow-isms* are her catch phrases, that will cause your gut to bust while keeping you on your tippy toes.

**Have you ever been worried about writing the mystery suspense thriller series? Is there a sense of some personal muse that you use?**

Great question, I've determined that these storylines come to me, it's as if God planted a seed and said,

“You need to water this idea, cultivate it!”

So that is how I operate. There are minor nuances of truth that lie within the first book, the horrific motorcycle accident-that actually happened to my

parents, equaling why I am here today. Because they survived, they decided to have a child—here I am.

Other inspirations are by way of multi-faceted creative thought processes. That's the beauty of being, *Your Author!*

**Why have your books taken off in such a way, obtaining the following that you've had? And why has your story reached so many people—Book Tours, Stage; Essence Festival Book Store, etc.?**

First, listen carefully—God's will & God's timing. The evolution of all of this whirlwind is about how God positioned me, I am so humbled by that fact. When I think about it, I'm amazed—little ole' me, with all the odds stacked against me out the gate, having favor with my family, career and now the creative space.

So many obstacles were strategically placed in front of me to fail at every hand, however here I still stand. My story is here to be a light to encourage all who have odds stacked against them. If you have faith, put in the work, listen to God whispering, follow his guidance, He will guide you. The beauty of it all, is that God already knows the end, our destiny is predestined, what an amazing comforting feeling. To know that God's plans for me are written in permanent ink, all I have to do is just follow the blades of wheat, as Boaz laid out for Ruth. We've got this!

That is what I have endeavored to relay in these books, from the vantage point of the protagonist, Dr. Sparrow Jones Mack. From her voice along with her perspective, you see her faith in action, although she is transparently imperfect.

There are some deep topics discussed through these novels, you get a front row seat as these stories play out as if you are watching the big screen (you will be doing that one day, God has shown that to me), while you are eating popcorn, or sitting on your couch sofa with a nice glass of your favorite beverage in your comfy socks under a blanket ready to pull it over your eyes. I think that's why you couldn't pull yourself away from this book.

**This is a series of 3 books right?**

Yes.

**What did you want readers to know about Dr. Sparrow Mack on this journey through these three books?**

In *Sparrow: The Water's Edge*, you find Sparrow and Luke in a strained cohesive bind, just like invisible duct tape holding them together.

In *Sparrow: The Night Ends*, you really find out the intricacies of how complex the beloved protagonist is, how imperfectly perfect her journey has been due to the cleaner of all of her messes, the antagonist Luke, her best friend-ride or die.



In *Chronicles of The Weight Breaker's*, you see how impactful Sparrow is beyond the confines of the bubble of Luke and her world.

### **So is this book screen written?**

Yes, the first book *Sparrow: The Water's Edge*, by extremely talented screenwriters Tonya Holloway and George L. Tarrant, Jr.

They have taken the story and orchestrated a beautiful rendition of the book, and that is so exciting. The screenplay captures the true voice T.T. McGil, and they are the right voice to translate the Sparrow Mystery Thriller Series for the masses.

### **Is this your last book?**

Not certain. Before I put myself in the box of just being an author, now I have evolved in my thinking.

Not only am I an author, writer, I am creative. Whatever platform, there are more storylines coming from T.T. McGil.

**T.T. McGil's Inspired Gastro-envy  
for  
Sparrow: The Water's Edge Book Chat**



As you buckle up for an unpredictable ride with this writer who with every page you turn will cause you to question your reality, gather your friends and dive into this intriguing journey.

As you turn each page of the prequel,

*Sparrow: The Water's Edge*, I'm sure you will get on your comfy lounge wear and sip on your favorite beverage. Sparrow's and Luke's favorite, is

Chai Tea. Although Sparrow, like's to drink hers' straight up with plentiful square of a delicious pumpkin bar, so she can always be on point to render lifesaving C.P.R. Contrarily— Luke take's his with a shot of *Jack* to help him navigate his next move while he is on the run.