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My People, the Amish Joe Keim 2017-06-01 In My People, the Amish, Joe Keim paints a detailed picture of life behind the bonnets and buggies. More than a biography, this is an honest look at the heart-warming traditions that mingle with the deep-rooted legalism of the Amish community in Ashland, Ohio. Born, raised, and baptized in an Old Order Amish church, from childhood Joe Keim was taught that if he didn't follow the twenty-two-page ordinance letter that governed his community, there was no way he could get to heaven. What started as a path of rebellion led Joe and his wife Esther to a caring group of Englisher Christians who would love them like family and show them how to live out their new found faith in Jesus Christ. Nine months after their traditional Amish wedding, Joe and Esther left family and friends forever to live openly for Christ, and endured shunning and excommunication with bold faith. Since then, the Lord has brought many former Amish people to Joe and Esther for help. Because of their passion for the Amish people and with the support of fellow believers, they have brought biblical truth to thousands of Amish through the ministry they founded in 2000, Mission to Amish People (MAP).

One Light Still Shines Marie Monville 2013-09-30 "My story is not about my past, but about your future," says Marie Roberts Monville. In the startling tragedy of the Amish schoolhouse shooting at Nickel Mines,

one story has never been told; Marie Roberts Monville, the wife of the man who created such horror, tells her story for the very first time. It is a story of sorrow and destruction, but also one of majestic deliverance, unending compassion, breathtaking forgiveness, and grace-filled redemption. Within a solitary moment, Marie Monville realized that life, as she knew it, was over. What she never anticipated was a tangible encounter with God reaching into her circumstances, through them rewriting all she believed about herself, her faith, and the God she thought she knew. *One Light Still Shines* reveals three love stories: the innocent love of a devoted wife for a husband in pain, the incomprehensible love of God in the aftermath of massacre and destruction, and the redemptive love of Christ, waiting to unfold in the life of every person who reads this book. Marie's journey since that darkest of days has been invaded with light which shines through these pages into the darkest questions we all face--questions about our past, our value, our identity, and own powerlessness in this fallen world. Come face to face with the Power behind every answer—a love that begs to be received.

The Photograph Beverly Lewis 2015-09-08 Inspiring New Novel from the "Biggest Name in Amish Fiction"
Eva Esch and her sisters are in a predicament. With the passing of their widowed mother, Eva's older brother Menno plans to move his growing family into the Eden Valley farmhouse where they all grew up, leaving little room for his three single sisters. Surely, Menno reasons, at least one of them will marry this coming wedding season. Eva does hope to marry, but she isn't sure she wants to give up her sweet shop for the life of a farmer's wife, and she has no other prospects. When younger sister, Lily, disappears in the night, leaving only a brief note, Eva fears she has been wooed away from the People by an outsider. And when Jed Stutzman, a young Amish buggy maker from Ohio, shows up in Lancaster with a photo of a Plain young woman, Eva's world begins to tilt. She feels powerfully drawn to the quietly charming stranger--but the woman in the forbidden photograph is no stranger at all. . . .

The Amish Clockmaker Mindy Starns Clark 2015-02-01 From bestselling authors Mindy Starns Clark and Susan Meissner, *The Amish Clockmaker* (Book 3 in the Men of Lancaster County series) explores the men of an Amish community in Lancaster County, how their Amish beliefs play out in their unique roles, and the women who change their lives. Newlywed Matthew Zook is expanding his family's tack and feed store when a surprising property dispute puts the remodel on hold—and raises new questions about the

location's mysterious past. Decades earlier, the same building housed a clock shop run by a young Amish clockmaker named Clayton Raber. Known for his hot temper, Clayton was arrested for the murder of his beloved wife, a crime almost everyone—including his own family members—believed he'd committed, even after charges were dropped. Isolated and feeling condemned by all, Clayton eventually broke from the church, left Lancaster County, and was never heard from again. Now the only way Matthew can solve the boundary issue and save his family's business is to track down the clockmaker. But does this put Matthew on the trail of a murderer? A timeless novel of truth, commitment, and the power of enduring love, where secrets of the past give way to hope for the future.

The Amish Steven M. Nolt 2016-05 Drawing on more than twenty years of fieldwork and collaborative research, *The Amish: A Concise Introduction* is a compact but richly detailed portrait of Amish life. In fewer than 150 pages, readers will come away with a clear understanding of the complexities of these simple people.

What the Amish Teach Us Donald B. Kraybill 2021-10-26 What do the traditional plain-living Amish have to teach twenty-first-century Americans in our hyper-everything world? As it turns out, quite a lot! It sounds audacious, but it's true: the Amish have much to teach us. It may seem surreal to turn to one of America's most traditional groups for lessons about living in a hyper-tech world—especially a horse-driving people who resist "progress" by snubbing cars, public grid power, and high school education. Still, their wisdom confirms that even when they seem so far behind, they're out ahead of the rest of us. Having spent four decades researching Amish communities, Donald B. Kraybill is in a unique position to share important lessons from these fascinating Plain people. In this inspiring book, we learn intriguing truths about community, family, education, faith, forgiveness, aging, and death from real Amish men and women. The Amish are ahead of us, for example, in relying on apprenticeship education. They have also out-Ubered Uber for nearly a century, hiring cars owned and operated by their neighbors. Kraybill also explains how the Amish function in modern society by rejecting new developments that harm their community, accepting those that enhance it, and adapting others to fit their values. Pairing storytelling with informative and reflective passages, these twenty-two essays offer a critique of modern culture that is provocative yet practical. In a time when civil discourse is raw and coarse and our social fabric seems torn asunder, What

the Amish Teach Us uproots our assumptions about progress and prods us to question why we do what we do. Essays include: 1. Riddles: Negotiating with Modernity 2. Villages: Webs of Well-Being 3. Community: Taming the Big "I" 4. Smallness: Bigness Ruins Everything 5. Tolerance: A Light on a Hill 6. Spirituality: A Back Road to Heaven 7. Family: A Deep and Durable Bond 8. Children: At Worship, Work, and Play 9. Parenting: Raising Sturdy Children 10. Education: The Way It Should Be 11. Apprenticeship: An Old New Idea 12. Technology: Taming the Beast 13. Hacking: Creative Bypasses 14. Entrepreneurs: Starting Stuff 15. Patience: Slow Down and Listen 16. Limits: Less Choice, More Joy 17. Rituals: A Natural Detox 18. Retirement: Aging in Place 19. Forgiveness: Pathway to Healing 20. Suffering: A Higher Plan 21. Nonresistance: No Pushback 22. Death: A Good Farewell

20 Most Asked Questions about the Amish and Mennonites Merle Good 2001-11-25 Sensitively answers the most common inquiries about Amish and Mennonite peoples. Authoritative, sympathetic, and thorough. *20 Most Asked Questions* looks at origins, dress, pacifism, education, weddings, funerals, and food, as well as many other facets of Amish and Mennonite life. This book has sold more than 200,000 copies. 1. What is the difference between the Amish and the Mennonites? 2. When and how did these people get started? 3. Are they a Christian group or do they represent a different religion? 4. Aren't they a bit naive and backward? Why don't they accept modern things? 5. Does anyone ever join them? Does anyone ever leave? 6. Why do they dress that way? 7. Is it true they don't go to war? 8. Why are they against education? 9. Why are they such good farmers? 10. Why don't they pay Social Security taxes? 11. Do any of the Amish or Mennonite groups believe in missions? 12. What are their weddings like? 13. How are their women and children treated? 14. Is food a part of their religion? 15. Do they go to doctors and hospitals? 16. What about burial? 17. Don't they believe in having fun? 18. What are some of their problems? 19. Are they growing or dying in number? 20. What, in fact, holds them together?

Driving the Amish Jim Butterfield 1997 Jim Butterfield shares his experiences with his Amish neighbors as he uses his station wagon to take them farther than their horse and buggies can easily go. Arranged by time of year, these stories give an insight into typical Amish daily life.

A Time for Peace Barbara Cameron 2011-10-01 After Years of Hardship, Jenny's Life Appears Perfect.

So Why Does Something Seem to Be Missing? Jenny Bontrager is finally at a place of love and belonging with her husband, Matthew, and his children. Life seems golden with both her family and career as a writer. But everything Jenny now believes in is thrown into question with the discovery of a long-lost letter from her father. Her sense of peace and contentment destroyed by betrayal, Jenny struggles with her renewed faith--and the love of everyone around her. "Barbara Cameron has written another wonderful, sweet story that tugs at the emotions. Amish fiction fans will definitely want to add A Time for Peace to their library." --Kathleen Fuller, best-selling author of A Summer Secret, A Hand to Hold, and The Secrets Beneath "A Time for Peace, Barbara Cameron's newest heartwarming story in the Quilts of Lancaster County series, invites readers to come on in, sit down around the table for a cup of tea while getting to know this Amish family where love is happening. When troubles and doubts come for Jenny, you'll be living her story with her and hoping she won't lose sight of that ribbon of love that so strongly binds these people together." Ann H. Gabhart, author of The Outsider, Summer of Joy, and Angel Sister "A Time for Peace is an inspirational story of working through some of the tough questions and situations life throws at us. Barbara Cameron gives us another endearing Amish tale in this Quilts of Lancaster County series." - FreshFiction.com

A Faithful Gathering (The Sisters of Lancaster County Book #3) Leslie Gould 2019-02-05 Leisel

Bachmann left her Amish roots and beloved sisters to pursue a career in medicine without a second thought. She has an Englisch boyfriend, Nick Jordan, and dreams of a new life--but those dreams come crashing down when her sister Marie is diagnosed with cancer. Soon nothing is going as she planned--not her state boards, not her first nursing job, and certainly not her relationship with Nick. As she becomes increasingly discouraged, her aunt shares the story of Leisel's grandfather during World War II and the struggle he faced between returning to Lancaster or being with the woman he loved. Peace and a vision for the future are difficult to find, and when Nick leaves Pennsylvania for a completely new life, Leisel is faced with impossible choices. Will she stay in Lancaster, close to her family and the traditions of her past? Or learn from her grandfather's story and embrace a life of love and service in an uncertain future?

Whispers Down the Lane Beverly Lewis 1995-04 After being beaten by her father, Lissa, an eighth grade classmate, comes to Merry's house in the middle of the night, and Merry asks God and the family of her

Amish friend, Rachel, to help her protect Lissa.

A Simple Autumn Rosalind Lauer 2012-10-16 For fans of Cindy Woodsmall and Beverly Lewis, Rosalind Lauer's Seasons of Lancaster novel *A Simple Autumn* is a wonderful Amish story about two brothers navigating through the troubled waters of love. *A LOVE THAT REMAINS HIDDEN*, *A FORK IN A THORNY ROAD* Jonah King has no desire to leave his close-knit community. All his hopes and dreams lie in Lancaster County, and many of them revolve around his longtime love for Annie Stoltzfus. For years he's been trying to get her to see what burns inside his heart, yet he remains all but invisible to her. Annie's beautiful eyes reflect only her affection for Jonah's older brother—and her sadness when he chooses another. Jonah knows that he must speak up, but when he's around Annie his calm, capable demeanor flees, leaving him tongue-twisted and awkward. Gabe King has been courting schoolteacher Emma Lapp for months, but she insists on keeping their relationship secret. Emma embraces her duty to set a good example for her pupils, but Gabe is in his rumspringa and still wild at heart, riding motorbikes and unwilling to cut his ties to the outside world. Much to Emma's deep sorrow, it appears that she and Gabe are choosing different paths. As swirling leaves of orange and gold dance across the countryside, two brothers must find the courage and faith to reconcile their heritage and their hearts. A beautiful story that explores the clarity of true love, *A Simple Autumn* is a bounty for heart and soul.

Adoring Addie (The Courtships of Lancaster County Book #2) Leslie Gould 2013-05-01 A New Amish Romance from Christy Winner and Bestselling Author Leslie Gould When Addie Cramer's mutter and daed decide Phillip Eicher is the man for her to marry, they claim she must honor them by obeying their wishes. But then she falls in love with Jonathan Mosier--part of the family with whom the Cramers have a long-held grudge. With the help of others in her community who long to see the quarrel healed, Jonathan and Addie struggle to continue their relationship against both sets of parents' wishes. But when one of Addie's vengeful brothers harms a member of the Mosier family, Jonathan intervenes and is banished from Lancaster County. A distraught Addie determines to find the true reason for the grudge between the two families, hoping to tear down the animosity of the past. Can their love for each other bridge the divide between their families? Or are they destined to remain apart forever?

Courting Cate (The Courtships of Lancaster County Book #1) Leslie Gould 2012-11-01 #1 Bestselling Author Leslie Gould Delivers a New Amish Romance Series When Amish farmer Pete Treger moves to Paradise Township, Pennsylvania, seeking a better life, he meets sisters Cate and Betsy Miller. Both are beautiful, but older sister Cate is known more for her sharp tongue and fiery temper than her striking appearance. Betsy, on the other hand, is sweet and flirty--and seems to have attracted most of the bachelors in Lancaster County! However, the sisters' wealthy father has made one hard and fast rule: elder sister must marry first, before the younger can even start courting. Unfortunately for poor Betsy, and for the men who want to court her, her older sister, Cate, doesn't have any suitors--until Pete comes to town, that is. Though he finds both sisters attractive, something about Cate's feisty demeanor appeals to him. Soon the other bachelors in the district convince Pete to court Cate. She hardly seems receptive to his overtures, though. Instead, she's immediately suspicious of his interest.

Amish Weddings Leslie Gould 2017 Rose Lehman has always wanted to marry the bishop's son, Reuben Byler. But then Trevor, the handsome Army buddy of her future brother-in-law, visits Lancaster County, and Reuben seems dull by comparison. When the thrill of adventure begins to fade, will Rose find happiness--or ruin her best chance at love?

The Amish Nanny Mindy Starns Clark 2011-07-01 Bestselling author Mindy Starns Clark and coauthor Leslie Gould offer readers *The Amish Nanny*, Book 2 in the *Women of Lancaster County* series, which tells the stories of young Plain women as they explore their roots, connect with family, and discover true love. Amish-raised Ada Rupp knows it's time to make a commitment to the faith and join the church, especially if she wants a future with the handsome Amish widower Will Gundy. But when she has the chance to travel to Switzerland as the caregiver of a young child, she leaps at the opportunity. Anxious to learn more about her forebears, Ada enlists the help of a young Mennonite scholar named Daniel, but even as she develops feelings for him, she cannot get Will from her mind--or her heart. At a crossroads, Ada must decide what she is willing to give up from the past in order to embrace her future.

Amish Promises (Neighbors of Lancaster County Book #1) Leslie Gould 2015-04-28 Journey Down a Quiet Lane in Lancaster County Where Love and Heartache and Friendship and Healing Meet When Joel

and Shani Beck arrive at their new home, they're looking for peace. Shani is thrilled to have Joel back from Iraq, but he needs time to heal, and the quiet of Lancaster seems just the place. They can't imagine any trouble with their Amish neighbors, the Lehmans, but things get off to a rocky start when their son is involved in an accident that injures one of the Lehman boys. Eve Lehman has run her brother's household ever since the death of his wife, but Tim's a stern patriarch. Despite his protests, she's drawn to the new neighbor, Shani, and the two begin to form a strong friendship forged on faith and family. Things seem like they've quieted down until Joel's single and handsome army friend Charlie catches Eve's attention--a man unlike any Eve has ever met. Suddenly life for both families becomes more complicated than any of them could have ever imagined.

Amish Roots John Andrew Hostetler 1992 Offers an anthology of letters, journal entries, poems, stories, and bits of family lore that give a view of Amish life from colonial times to the present

A Plain Leaving (The Sisters of Lancaster County Book #1) Leslie Gould 2017-10-03 Gould Offers a New Amish Series in Idyllic Lancaster County At age twenty, Jessica Bachman left her two beloved sisters and her Amish community after clashing with the new bishop about her role in the family and the future of their farm. She tried to convince Silas Kemp, who'd been courting her for two years, to join her, but when he said no, she fled anyway. Three years later, she returns home for the first time since leaving Lancaster to attend her father's funeral. Her arrival back revives all sorts of emotions--yearnings and sorrows alike. Jessica knows things will never return to how they were. But in seeing Silas again, she can't help but wonder what might have been. Struggling to decide where her next step should take her, she learns the story of a Revolutionary War-era ancestor that echoes her own choices. Will Jessica leave her family and community forever, or is there peace and healing and love yet to come?

Piecing It All Together (Plain Patterns Book #1) Leslie Gould 2020-08-04 When Savannah Mast's fiance dumps her a week before their wedding, she flees California for the safety of her Amish grandmother's farm near Nappanee, Indiana. She's not planning on staying long but becomes unexpectedly entangled in the search for a missing Amish girl. She can't leave--especially not when her childhood friend Tommy Miller is implicated as a suspect. When Savannah accompanies her grandmother to Plain Patterns, a

nearby quilt shop, the owner and local historian, Jane Berger, relates a tale about another woman's disappearance back in the 1800s that has curious echoes to today. Inspired by the story, Savannah does all she can to find the Amish girl and clear Tommy's name. But when her former fiance shows up, begging her to return to California and marry him after all, she must choose between accepting the security of what he has to offer or continuing the complicated legacy of her family's faith.

Amish Sweethearts (Neighbors of Lancaster County Book #2) Leslie Gould 2016-01-26 Can These Two Friends from Opposite Worlds Find Love? They've been best friends for years, but as high school ends, Zane Beck can't help but look at his Amish neighbor, Lila Lehman, with different eyes. Her controlling father sees only one future for Lila, though, and arranges for her to be courted by an upstanding young Amish man. When Zane sees the two together, his plans for the future crumble, and he impulsively enlists in the Army, following in his father's footsteps. However, the passing of years and the distance between them isn't enough to halt their now hidden feelings for each other. If being together used to be difficult, it's now impossible, especially with the Amish opposed to war. Zane's service takes a dramatic turn when he's sent to Afghanistan. Being on the front line and the reality of taking a life has him questioning whether he can continue to serve or not. But all choices have consequences--both his and hers. With Lila preparing to marry another, will these one-time sweethearts ever find the life together that they both still long for?

Amish Weddings (Neighbors of Lancaster County Book #3) Leslie Gould 2017-01-03 Gould's Series Concludes in Love and Marriage Gregarious Rose Lehman, who's always the life of the Amish youth singings, is determined to marry the bishop's son, Reuben Byler--until the handsome Army buddy of her future brother-in-law shows up in Lancaster County. In comparison to Trevor, Reuben seems downright boring. Trevor shares Rose's sense of fun and adventure, and her easygoing disposition. When her sister Lila's buggy is rear-ended and Lila is horribly injured, Rose finds herself with more freedom than she's ever experienced. Everyone is so concerned about Lila that no one realizes Rose is sneaking out with Trevor. Except for Reuben. But in his usual passive way, he doesn't confront her, nor does he address the situation with her Dat or anyone else in the district. Rose appreciates Reuben's discretion, but she also resents it. Part of her relishes the freedom she's found with Trevor, but the other part of her wishes

Reuben would "fight" for her, as much as any Amish man would. Too late, she realizes the foolish choice she's made. Has she ruined her best chance at love, or is there another path to happiness she just hasn't seen yet?

Paradise Valley (The Daughters of Caleb Bender Book #1) Dale Cramer 2011-01-01 An Amish settlement in Ohio has run afoul of a law requiring their children to attend public school. Caleb Bender and his neighbors are arrested for neglect, with the state ordering the children be placed in an institution. Among them are Caleb's teenage daughter, Rachel, and the boy she has her eye on, Jake Weaver. Romance blooms between the two when Rachel helps Jake escape the children's home. Searching for a place to relocate his family where no such laws apply, Caleb learns there's inexpensive land for sale in Mexico, a place called Paradise Valley. Despite rumors of instability in the wake of the Mexican revolution, the Amish community decides this is their answer. And since it was Caleb's idea, he and his family will be the pioneers. They will send for the others once he's established a foothold and assessed the situation. Caleb's daughters are thrown into turmoil. Rachel doesn't want to leave Jake. Her sister, Emma, who has been courting Levi Mullet, fears her dreams of marriage will be dashed. Miriam has never had a beau and is acutely aware there will be no prospects in Mexico. Once there, they meet Domingo, a young man and guide who takes a liking to Miriam, something her father would never approve. While Paradise Valley is everything they'd hoped it would be, it isn't long before the bandits start giving them trouble, threatening to upset the fledgling Amish settlement, even putting their lives in danger. Thankfully no one has been harmed so far, anyway.

The Amish Seamstress Mindy Starns Clark 2013-08-01 Bestselling authors Mindy Starns Clark and Leslie Gould provide an unexpected surprise in *The Amish Seamstress*, Book 4 in the *Women of Lancaster County* series, which tells the stories of young Amish women as they explore their roots, connect with family, and discover true love. Izzy Mueller is an exceptional listener and gifted caregiver. She's also a talented seamstress. As the young woman sits with her elderly patients, she quietly sews as they share their stories. She's content with her life until circumstances reconnect her with someone she once loved. Zed Bayer, a Mennonite, is not what her family is hoping for in a spouse, and his creative interest in filmmaking is definitely at odds with her Amish upbringing. As Izzy is swept up again in Zed and renews

her friendship with his sister, Ella, she begins to ask questions about her own life—her creative longings and historical interests, her relationships and desire for romance, and most importantly, her faith. What is the path God has for her? Can she learn from the past of both her family's and Zed's—or must she forge a completely different future of her own?

Danger in Plain Sight Marta Perry 2012-05-22 Returning home to Amish country, news photographer Libby Morgan is reunited with police chief Adam Byler, who, striving to keep peace between the Amish and their English neighbors, needs her help in finding a young woman's attacker.

New York Amish Karen M. Johnson-Weiner 2017-05-02 In a book that highlights the existence and diversity of Amish communities in New York State, Karen M. Johnson-Weiner draws on twenty-five years of observation, participation, interviews, and archival research to emphasize the contribution of the Amish to the state's rich cultural heritage. While the Amish settlements in Pennsylvania and Ohio are internationally known, the Amish population in New York, the result of internal migration from those more established settlements, is more fragmentary and less visible to all but their nearest non-Amish neighbors. All of the Amish currently living in New York are post-World War II migrants from points to the south and west. Many came seeking cheap land, others as a result of schism in their home communities. The Old Order Amish of New York are relative newcomers who, while representing an old or plain way of life, are bringing change to the state. So that readers can better understand where the Amish come from and their relationship to other Christian groups, *New York Amish* traces the origins of the Amish in the religious confrontation and political upheaval of the Protestant Reformation and describes contemporary Amish lifestyles and religious practices. Johnson-Weiner welcomes readers into the lives of Amish families in different regions of New York State, including the oldest New York Amish community, the settlement in the Conewango Valley, and the diverse settlements of the Mohawk Valley and the St. Lawrence River Valley. The congregations in these regions range from the most conservative to the most progressive. Johnson-Weiner reveals how the Amish in particular regions of New York realize their core values in different ways; these variations shape not only their adjustment to new environments but also the ways in which townships and counties accommodate—and often benefit from—the presence of these thriving faith communities.

Horse-and-buggy Mennonites Donald B. Kraybill 2006 Examining how the Wengers have cautiously and incrementally adapted to the changes swirling around them, this book offers an invaluable case study of a traditional group caught in the throes of a postmodern world."--Jacket.

A Place at Our Table Amy Clipston 2017-11-14 Kayla Dienner has suffered her fair share of heartache, which is why she vows to protect her heart at all costs . . . until she meets Amish firefighter Jamie Riehl. Along with his volunteer work at the local fire department, running his Amish farm keeps Jamie Riehl busy. He barely has time to eat at the family table, never mind find someone to date. But when he meets Kayla Dienner, he is smitten. Kayla tries hard to deny her attraction to Jamie. After all, she's spent the last year discouraging her younger brother, Nathan, from becoming a firefighter. The death of their older brother in a fire a year ago is fresh in her mind—she can't bear the idea of putting her heart on the line every time the sirens blare. Then tragedy strikes, and Jamie wants to extinguish any flame between him and Kayla. Can Kayla set aside her own fears to save the love she was determined to deny? The first book in the Amish Homestead series, *A Place at Our Table* invites us to a quiet community in Lancaster County where love burns brightly no matter the cost. Sweet, inspirational Amish romance Full-length novel that can also be enjoyed as a stand-alone First book in Amy Clipston's Amish Homestead series: Book 1: *A Place at Our Table* Book 2: *Room on the Porch Swing* Book 3: *A Seat by the Hearth* Book 4: *A Welcome at Our Door* Includes discussion questions for book clubs

Minding Molly (The Courtships of Lancaster County Book #3) Leslie Gould 2014-02-04 Molly Zook Has Everything Planned Just Right. Or So She Thinks! Molly Zook's always liked being in control, so she's struggling with her mother's wish that, to save the family farm, she marry Mervin Mosier. Especially after Molly meets Leon Fisher. He's from Montana but is now training horses at a nearby ranch. He's tall and muscular and confident--Molly has never met anyone like him and she's sure he feels the same about her. Determined to let nothing get between them, Molly tries to coax Mervin into falling back in love with Molly's best friend, Hannah. A weekend camping trip in the Poconos could be just the place...but things quickly go awry, and it seems Leon and Hannah might be falling for each other instead! Will Molly keep struggling to control everyone and everything around her? Or will she learn to let God handle the twists and turns of her life?

Gathering the Threads Cindy Woodsmall 2017-08-15 Finally back in the Old Order Amish world she loves, Will Ariana's new perspectives draw her family closer together— or completely rip them apart? After months away in the Englisch world, Ariana Brenneman is overjoyed to be in the Old Order Amish home where she was raised. Yet her excitement is mixed with an unexpected apprehension as she reconciles all she's learned from her biological parents with the uncompromising teachings of her Plain community. Although her childhood friend, ex-Amish Quill Schlabach, hopes to help her navigate her new role amongst her people, Ariana's Daed doesn't understand why his sweet daughter is suddenly questioning his authority. What will happen if she sows seeds of unrest and rebellion in the entire family? Meanwhile, Skylar Nash has finally found her place among the large Brenneman family, but Ariana's arrival threatens to unravel Skylar's new identity—and her sobriety. Both Ariana and Skylar must discover the true cords that bind a family and community together and grasp tight the One who holds their authentic identities close to His heart. *Gathering the Threads* is the third and final novel in *The Amish of Summer Grove* series.

Threads of Hope (Plain Patterns Book #3) Leslie Gould 2022-03-01 Can they find a way to stitch their suffering into hope and embrace an uncertain future? Tally Smucker's quiet life of reading and quilting hides her sorrow over her mother's declining health and the lack of a fulfilling future for herself. When her daily life is shaken by her free-spirited neighbor Danielle—who grew up Plain but joined the Army at eighteen--Tally's instinct is to distance herself. Yet she finds she can't turn away when Danielle's brother, Kenan, specifically asks for her help. She invites Danielle to visit Plain Patterns quilt shop with her, where the story of the plight of a WWI soldier and the girl he left behind resonates with both Tally and Danielle, but for different reasons. When Tally's mother suffers a setback at the same time Danielle's PTSD becomes unmanageable, it seems Tally's efforts to aid them only make things worse. Can the soldier's story, along with the care of Kenan, help Tally accept the hope that waits just around the corner? From the talented pen of Leslie Gould comes a moving tale of restoration and renewed hope within the Amish community.

Becoming Bea (The Courtships of Lancaster County Book #4) Leslie Gould 2014-10-14 Can Bea and Ben Turn Rivalry Into Romance? Beatrice Zook knows God wants her to learn patience toward others. When

assisting a family overwhelmed by triplets proves surprisingly successful, her confidence in dealing with others, both young and old, grows. One person she'll never be able to find peace with though is Ben Rupp. They've known each other forever, and Ben understands precisely how to antagonize her. What neither she nor Ben will admit is that beneath all their bickering, attraction awaits. When friends decide to try and bring the couple together, will the pair be able to find true love? Or will they damage their relationship beyond repair?

A Patchwork Past (Plain Patterns Book #2) Leslie Gould 2021-03-30 When wild child Sophie Deiner--the daughter of an Amish bishop--is forced to return to Nappanee, Indiana, quilt-shop owner Jane Berger is one of only a few who welcome her back. It's the last place she wants to be, but Sophie's recent illness requires that she recover for a while. As Sophie heals, she befriends a group of migrant workers and is appalled to learn of the wretched living conditions they're forced to endure. Sophie begins advocating on their behalf, but soon finds herself opposed by an ex-boyfriend who is the farm foreman. Jane begins relating the story of an Amish couple who rescued survivors of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, many of whom were Irish immigrants. And Sophie is more convinced than ever that she needs to fight for the powerless. But when digging deeper makes conditions even worse, has she chosen a fight she can't win?

An Amish Wedding Richard Ammon 1998 Anna is getting married! Amish weddings are in November, so the family has the whole summer to get ready. Between chores such as milking and haying, Anna's younger sister helps paint the house and put stamps on the invitations. Aunts and uncles arrive the day before the wedding to cook and to clear out the furniture and set up the benches usually used for church services. On the wedding morning they again arrive early, to cook thirty-five chickens and enough potatoes for three hundred people. Finally, it is time. Anna, her groom, Samuel, and the wedding party descend the stairs. After Bishop Levi leads the couple in their vows and the last hymn is sung, the benches are turned into tables and it is time for the wedding meal. The young narrator tells of the many activities leading up to this special day in her household and her own excitement at taking part in it. It is a time for aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and neighbors to gather in feasting, singing, and celebrating the new couple. Some of the ways are unique to the Amish, but they also reflect the joy, excitement, and fellowship of weddings everywhere.

A Simple Singing (The Sisters of Lancaster County Book #2) Leslie Gould 2018-07-31 For years Marie Bachmann thought of herself as the "good" daughter. She was the most loving to their mother, the most dedicated to their Amish way of life. But when a Mennonite farmhand, Gordon Martin, shows interest in her she can't help but be flattered--until her mother sends her off to Florida. While there, Marie begins spending time with bad-boy Eli Jacob, the bishop's son from back home. When Gordon shows up in Florida to volunteer in a homeless shelter, her life becomes even more complicated. At the same time her aunt begins telling her of a Civil War-era ancestor and the woman's uncommon bravery . . . a story that begins to work at Marie's heart. Marie hopes returning home may simplify life, but Eli soon follows. As Marie grapples with whether she should court Eli or leave the church for Gordon, the story of Annie Bachmann shines a light on what God has for Marie's future.

The Greater Inheritance Mary Schrock 2009 "The true story of one Amish family's journey to the Truth"--Cover.

The Amish Cowboy Adina Senft 2021-03-24 An Amish cowboy's unexpected reunion with the one who got away could heal his heart ... or break it forever. Daniel is the eldest of the six Miller siblings helping their Old Order Amish parents run the Circle M Ranch in northwestern Montana. Daniel can handle a blizzard, manage a roundup, even birth a calf. But what he can't do is forget Lovina Lapp, who broke his heart back in Lancaster County and married someone else. When their neighbors gather to help them bring the cattle down from the summer pastures, Daniel is staggered to see Lovina among them. His job is to keep the group safe in the high country. But will he be able to protect his heart? After a chaotic childhood and a romance with Daniel Miller that ended when he chose Montana over her, Lovina learned the danger of loving a cowboy. She married another man instead--someone who was safe. But after God took her husband in a freak accident, an invitation to go with old friends to visit the national parks seems like a gift. Until she finds herself unexpectedly at the Circle M Ranch, where one look at Daniel tells her there is nothing safe about her feelings for him ... The Montana Millers. They believe in faith, family, and the land. They'll need all three when love comes to the Circle M! If you like authors of Amish fiction like Linda Byler, Wanda Brunstetter, and Beverly Lewis, you'll love the Amish Cowboys series!

A Simple Hope Rosalind Lauer 2014-03-04 For fans of Beverly Lewis and Cindy Woodsmall, Rosalind Lauer's moving Lancaster Crossroads novel *A Simple Hope* reveals the ways that faith, love, and charity bring people together in a devoted Amish community. HOPE SHINES THROUGH LIGHTING A PATH IN THE DARKNESS Ever since the accident that confined him to a wheelchair, James Lapp has fought relentlessly to regain his strength. He knows he must be whole and healthy to run his family's orchard and provide for Rachel King, the young woman he plans to marry. But when he defies his father's wishes and seeks treatment outside their close-knit Amish community, James discovers just how long and treacherous the road to recovery will be. Unwilling to saddle a wife with his troubles, James decides he must part with the woman he loves. Rachel won't give up her dream of being a devoted wife to James, and it breaks her heart to watch him shut her out. Then their lives change forever when a runaway Englisher girl hides in the Lapp orchard. Rachel and James feel they must risk the disapproval of their friends and neighbors to help her. Will the young stranger bring them closer—or will the consequences of a shared secret tear them apart once and for all? Revealing the wonder of plain, everyday blessings, *A Simple Hope* burns bright with the power of love to heal even the deepest wounds. Praise for Rosalind Lauer and *A Simple Hope* "A sweet story of two young people trying to overcome tragedy and obstacles to make a new path in their life."—The Parkersburg News and Sentinel "The Lancaster Crossroads series continues with a tale that weaves an enduring love story with Amish family dynamic elements that feel true to the culture. . . . A truly enjoyable read that will remind readers of God's promises and how love can sustain through the difficult times."—RT Book Reviews "Lauer's new Amish series launch is sure to be a hit with fans of her 'Seasons of Lancaster County' series."—Library Journal, on *A Simple Faith* "[Lauer] definitely sets the bar high for Amish romance stories."—Fresh Fiction, on *A Simple Winter*

Anna's Crossing (Amish Beginnings Book #1) Suzanne Woods Fisher 2015-02-24 When Anna König first meets Bairn, the Scottish ship carpenter of the *Charming Nancy*, their encounter is anything but pleasant. Anna is on the ship only to ensure the safe arrival of her loved ones to the New World. Hardened by years of living at sea, Bairn resents toting these naïve farmers--dubbed "Peculiars" by deckhands--across the ocean. As delays, storms, illness, and diminishing provisions afflict crew and passengers alike, Bairn finds himself drawn to Anna's serene nature. For her part, Anna can't seem to stay below deck and far away from the aloof ship's carpenter, despite warnings. When an act of sacrifice leaves Anna in a perilous

situation, Bairn discovers he may not have left his faith as firmly in the past as he thought. But has the revelation come too late? Amish fiction favorite Suzanne Woods Fisher brings her fans back to the beginning of Amish life in America with this fascinating glimpse into the first ocean crossing as seen through the eyes of a devout young woman and an irreverent man. Blending the worlds of Amish and historical fiction, Fisher is sure to delight her longtime fans even as she attracts new ones with her superb and always surprise-filled writing.

An Amish Gift Cynthia Keller 2012 Moving to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, after inheriting a bicycle shop, Jennie Davis and her family hope for a new beginning and receive support and a sense of purpose from their Amish neighbors during a fateful Christmas season.