

## BEARD AND BONNET: AMISH FICTION IN THE LIBRARY

Nothing in the ever-trending world of popular fiction prepared publishers, librarians and booksellers for the sudden quantum leap of interest in the Amish subgenre of Christian fiction. Like the oxymoronic popularity of light comedy and musical films during the depths of the Great Depression, our 21<sup>st</sup> Century economic fall seems to be pointing people – at least in their minds – to a simpler, more meaningful sort of life that doesn't entail the spending of money on the latest technology, only to have to toss it a year or less. We may be addicted to our cells, tablets and plasmas, but we can still imagine a world where we can slow down laugh in the face of timetables, deadlines and instant gratification.

While most Amish fiction is of the light romantic variety, several authors have set gritty murder mysteries amongst the Amish populations of middle America. Here is a list of authors and their series.

NOTE: Due to the temporal nature of paperback books, the Peabody Public Library may not own some of the older titles in some series. We will attempt however, to obtain them from another library if you wish.

### **CINDY SMALL**

Ada's house series

1. *The hope of refuge*
2. *The bridge of peace*
3. *The harvest of grace*

Sisters of the quilt series

1. *When the heart cries*
2. *When the morning comes*
3. *When the soul mends* Ada's house series

### **WANDA BRUNSTETTER**

Always trouble somewhere series

1. *School's out*
2. *Back to school*
3. *New beginnings*
4. *Out of control*
5. *A happy heart*
6. *Just plain foolishness*
7. *Jumping to conclusions*
8. *Growing up*

Brides of Lancaster County series

1. *A merry heart*
2. *Looking for a miracle*
3. *Plain and fancy*
4. *The hope chest*

### **AMY CLIPSTON**

Kauffman Amish Bakery series

1. *A gift of grace*
2. *A promise of hope*
3. *A place of peace*
4. *A life of joy*

### **MARTA PERRY**

Amish suspense series

1. *Murder in plain sight*
2. *Vanish in plain sight*

Pleasant Valley series

1. *Leah's choice*
2. *Rachel's garden*
3. *Anna's return*
4. *Sarah's gift*
5. *Katie's way*

### **KATHLEEN FULLER**

Hearts of Middlefield

1. *A man of his word*
2. *An honest love*
3. *A hand to hold*

Middlefield family series

Brides of Lehigh Canal series

1. *Kelly's chance*
2. *Betsy's return*
3. *Sarah's choice*

Brides of Webster County series

1. *Going home*
2. *On her own*
3. *Dear to me*
4. *Allison's journey*

Daughters of Lancaster County series

1. *The storekeeper's daughter*
2. *The quilter's daughter*
3. *The bishop's daughter*

Indiana cousins series

1. *A cousin's promise*
2. *A cousin's prayer*
3. *A cousin's challenge*

Kentucky brothers series

1. *The journey*
2. *The healing*

Sisters of Holmes County series

1. *A sister's secret*
2. *A sister's test*
3. *A sister's hope*

**BEVERLY LEWIS**

Abram's daughters series

1. *The covenant*
2. *The betrayal*
3. *The sacrifice*
4. *The prodigal*
5. *The revelation*

Amish country crossroads series

1. *The postcard*
2. *The crossroad*
3. *Sanctuary*

Annie's people series

1. *The preacher's daughter*
2. *The Englisher*
3. *The brethren*

1. *Treasuring Emma*

**PAUL GAUS**

Ohio Amish mystery series

1. *Blood of the prodigal*
2. *Broken English*
3. *Clouds without rain*
4. *Cast a blue shadow*
5. *A prayer for the night*
6. *Separate from the world*
7. *Harmless as doves*

**MINDY STARNES CLARK**

Women of Lancaster County series

1. *The Amish midwife*
2. *The Amish nanny*

**SHELLEY SHEPARD GRAY**

Families of honor series

1. *The caregiver*
2. *The protector*
3. *The survivor*

Seasons of Sugarcreek series

1. *Winter's awakening*
2. *Spring's renewal*
3. *Autumn's promise*
4. *Christmas in Sugarcreek*

Secrets of Crittendon County Series

1. *Missing*

Sisters of the heart series

1. *Hidden*
2. *Wanted*
3. *Forgiven*
4. *Grace*

**KAREN HARPER**

Amish home valley trilogy

1. *Fall from pride*

Maplecreek trilogy

1. *Dark road home*
2. *Dark harvest*
3. *Dark angel*

**MARY ELLIS**

Courtship of Nellie Fisher series

1. *The parting*
2. *The forbidden*
3. *The longing*

Heritage of Lancaster County series

1. *The shunning*
2. *The confession*
3. *The reckoning*

Rose trilogy

1. *The thorn*
2. *The judgment*
3. *The mercy*

Seasons of grace series

1. *The secret*
2. *The missing*
3. *The telling*

**JERRY EICHER**

Adams County trilogy

1. *Rebecca's promise*
2. *Rebecca's return*
3. *Rebecca's choice*

Fields of home series

1. *Missing your smile*

Hannah's heart series

1. *A dream for Hannah*
2. *A hope for Hannah*
3. *A baby for Hannah*

Little Valley series

1. *A wedding quilt for Ella*
2. *Ella's wish*
3. *Ella finds love again*

**SUZANNE WOODS FISHER**

Lancaster County series

1. *The choice*
2. *The waiting*
3. *The search*

Stoney ridge seasons

1. *The keeper*
2. *The haven*

Miller family series

1. *A widow's hope*
2. *Never far from home*
3. *The way to a man's heart*
4. *An Amish family reunion*

Wayne County series

1. *Abigail's new hope*
2. *A marriage for Meghan*

**LINDA CASTILLO**

Kate Burkholder series

1. *Sworn to silence*
2. *Pray for silence*
3. *Breaking silence*

**B.J. HOFF**

Riverhaven years series

1. *Rachel's secret*
2. *Where grace abides*
3. *River of mercy*

**MARY BORNTRAGER**

Ellie's people series

1. *Ellie*
2. *Rebecca*
3. *Rachel*
4. *Daniel*
5. *Reuben*
6. *Andy*
7. *Polly*
8. *Sarah*

**CARRIE BENDER**

Dora's diary series

1. *Birch Hollow schoolmarm*
2. *Lilac blossom time*
3. *Beyond mist blue mountains*
4. *Millstream Orchards family*
5. *Rock garden ramblings*

Johanna's journal series

1. *Melody of my heart*
2. *On wings of serenity*
3. *Briar Rose cottage*

Joy's journal series

1. *Tall Cedars Homestead*

**LORI COPELAND**

Amish of Apple Grove series

1. *The heart's frontier*

**W. DALE CRAMER**

Daughters of Caleb Bender series

1. *Paradise Valley*
2. *The captive heart*

**BETH WISEMAN**

Daughters of the promise series

1. *Plain perfect*
2. *Plain pursuit*
3. *Plain promise*
4. *Plain paradise*
5. *Plain proposal*

Land of Canaan series

1. *Seek me with all your heart*
2. *The wonder of your love*

**KELLY LONG**

Patch of heaven series

1. *Sarah's garden*
2. *Lilly's wedding*

**EMMA MILLER**

Hannah's Daughters

1. *Courting Ruth*
2. *Miriam's Heart*
3. *Anna's Gift*
4. *Leah's Choice*

2. *Beechwood Acres*

3. *Majestic oaks*

4. *Forget-me-not lane*

5. *Lamplight on the hearth*

Miriam's journal series

1. *A fruitful vine*

2. *A winding path*

3. *A joyous heart*

4. *A treasured friendship*

5. *A golden sunbeam*

Whispering Brook series

1. *Whispering Brook Farm*

2. *Summerville days*

3. *Chestnut Ridge Acres*

4. *Hemlock Hill Hideaway*

5. *Woodland dell's secret*

6. *Timber Lane Cove*

Willowcreek Valley Farm series

1. *Willowcreek Valley Farm*

2. *Bittersweet journey*

3. *Horseshoe knoll*

4. *Trailblazing in Penn's Woods*

5. *A home in the wilderness*

**PATRICIA DAVIDS**

Brides of Amish County

1. *Katie's Redemption*

2. *The Doctor's Blessing*

3. *An Amish Christmas*

4. *The Farmer Next Door*

5. *The Christmas Quilt*

**“LOVE FINDS YOU...” SERIES**

*Love Finds You in Paradise, Pennsylvania* Loree Lough

*Love Finds You in Charm, Ohio* Annalisa Daughety

*Love Finds You in Sugarcreek, Ohio* Serena Miller

*Love Finds You in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania* Annalisa Daughety