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 21st 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 is 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

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

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

KATHLEEN FULLER
Hearts of Middlefield
1. A man of his word
2. An honest love
3. A hand to hold

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3. The longing

Heritage of Lancaster County series
1. The shunning
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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
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LINDA CASTILLO
Kate Burkholder series
1. Sworn to silence
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B.J. HOFF
Riverhaven years series
1. Rachel's secret
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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
2. Beechwood Acres
3. Majestic oaks
4. Forget-me-not lane
5. Lamplight on the hearth

W. DALE CRAMER
Daughters of Caleb Bender series
1. Paradise Valley
2. The captive heart
3. A fruitful vine
4. A winding path
5. A joyous heart
6. A treasured friendship
7. A golden sunbeam

BETH WISEMAN
Daughters of the promise series
1. Plain perfect
2. Plain pursuit
3. Plain promise
4. Plain paradise
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6. Whispering Brook Farm
7. Summerville days
8. Chestnut Ridge Acres
9. Hemlock Hill Hideaway
10. Woodland dell’s secret
11. Timber Lane Cove

KELLY LONG
Patch of heaven series
1. Sarah’s garden
2. Lilly’s wedding
3. Horseshoe knoll
4. Trailblazing in Penn’s Woods
5. A home in the wilderness

EMMA MILLER
Hannah’s Daughters
1. Courting Ruth
2. Miriam’s Heart
3. Anna’s Gift
4. Leah’s Choice
5. Katie’s Redemption
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8. The Farmer Next Door
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PATRICIA DAVIDS
Brides of Amish County
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3. Anna’s Gift
4. Leah’s Choice
5. Katie’s Redemption
6. The Doctor’s Blessing
7. An Amish Christmas
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“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