

MURDER

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AN AMISH VILLAGE MYSTERY
BOOK 1

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Glossary

boppli—baby
bruder—brother
Dawdy Haus—grandfather's home
dat—father
danki—thank you
dochder—daughter
dochdern—daughters
Englischer—non-Amish person
freinden—friends
gern gschehne—you're welcome
Gotte's wille—God's will
grandkinner—grandchildren
grossdaddi—grandfather
gudemariye—good morning
gut—good
in lieb—in love
kaffi—coffee
kapp—prayer covering
kind—child
kinner—children
Loblied—praise song
mamm—mom

narrisch—crazy

nein—no

onkel—uncle

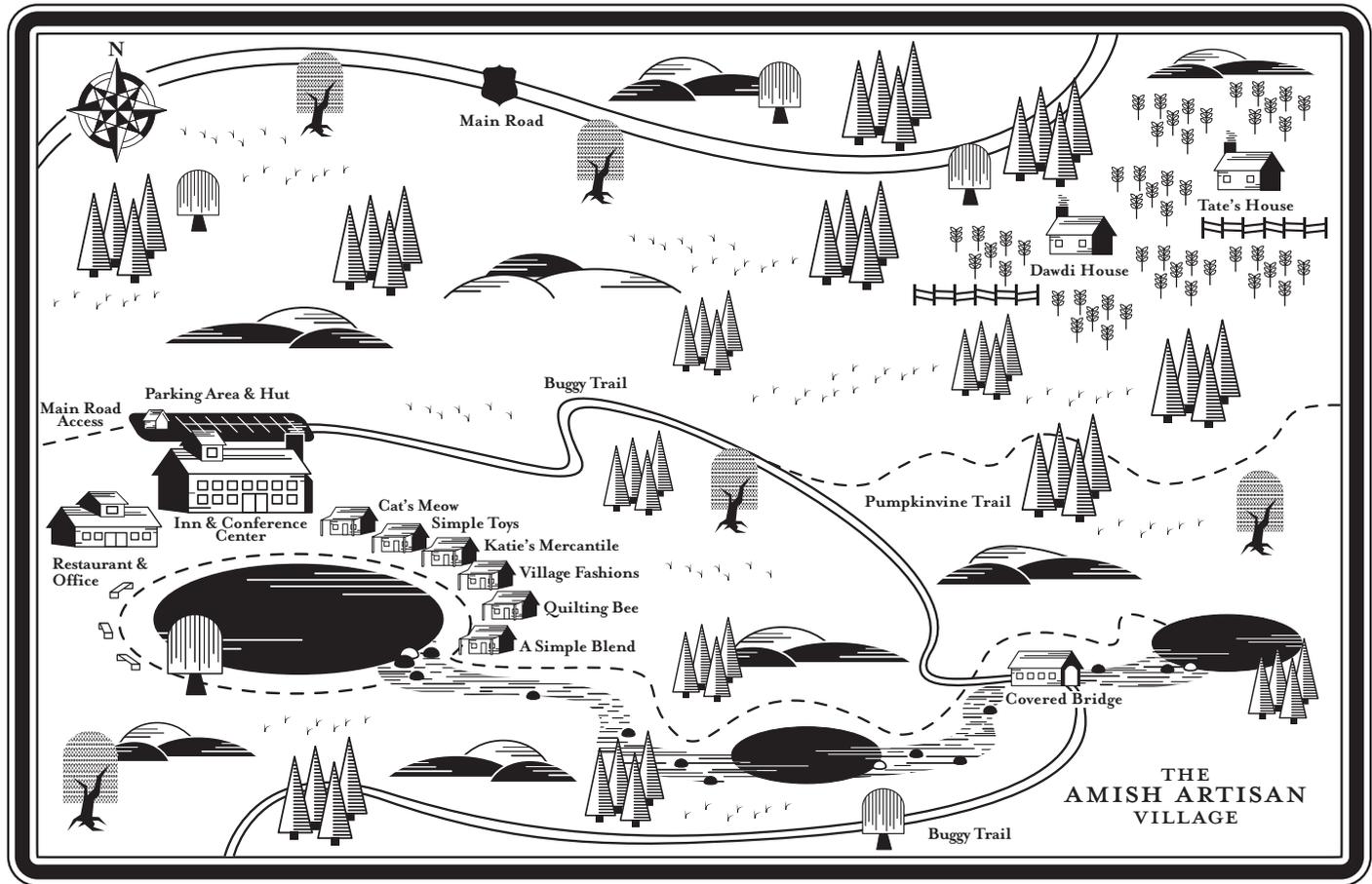
Ordnung—set of rules for Amish living

rumspringa—running around; time before an Amish young person has officially joined the church, provides a bridge between childhood and adulthood

schweschder—sister

wunderbaar—wonderful

ya—yes



Main Road

Tate's House

Dawdi House

Buggy Trail

Main Road Access

Parking Area & Hut

Pumpkinvine Trail

Restaurant & Office

Inn & Conference Center

Cat's Meow

Simple Toys

Katie's Mercantile

Village Fashions

Quilting Bee

A Simple Blend

Covered Bridge

Buggy Trail

THE AMISH ARTISAN VILLAGE

Discussion Questions

1. In chapter two we learn that Tate is reading through the gospel of Luke, but the words don't seem to make any sense to him. Later, when he hears the ambulance rushing toward the Village, he understands that his reaction is not charitable. How can we be more Christlike, even when we don't feel like it?
2. Chapter five finds Hannah talking to her mother about Ethan's death. Eunice reminds her that death "marks a place with special memories because it's where a soul left this world and entered the next." Sometimes people are uncomfortable with death. What can we do to make such times easier for each other?
3. Amber's heart desires friendship. In chapter nine she wrestles with this. "She'd always been a friendly person, but it seemed close friendships were hard to come by." Do you agree that close friendships are rare? How can we have more meaningful relationships with those we see on a day-to-day basis?
4. In chapter eighteen we learn one of Amber's main worries. She considers the Village to be a mission, "a haven of sorts. A place where people can work and rest in peace." But it had become a place of possible danger. How important are such places for all of us? Name one that you've been to in the

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- last year, and express how it served to revive you mentally, spiritually, and emotionally.
5. In chapter twenty-four we meet Preston Johnstone, who is a veteran. Preston is homeless and living in a city park, but it's obvious from the things he says to Tate that he is on the mend. Often our veterans do have trouble transitioning back to civilian life, though their difficulties aren't always as obvious as Preston's. List ways we can help these members of our community who have served in the military.
 6. When Hannah attends church, she is convicted about "the peace of Christ." She hasn't *felt* peaceful. Can you relate? What does "the peace of Christ" mean to you, and how can it help with daily trials?
 7. In chapter thirty Amber hears a sermon about King David. She's disturbed by this picture of David, this imperfect picture. Why do you think the Bible includes the experiences of flawed individuals? What can we learn from these portions of Scripture?
 8. In chapter thirty-four Tate realizes the time has come to trust God again, and to trust the things that God puts on his heart. Describe a time you've had trouble trusting the Lord. Then describe a time when you did place your trust in him.
 9. By the end of the story, Hannah is no longer irritated by the small things her sister, Mattie, does. After all she has been through, Hannah realizes the value of life and the importance of her family. Discuss a time when you were especially grateful for your family.
 10. Hannah's mother tells her, "*Gotte* will direct you. He loves you." In the end, that's all we really need to know—that God does love us. How has God shown his love to you, and how has he been directing you?