

*An Amish
Heirloom*

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GLOSSARY

ach: oh

aenti: aunt

appeditlich: delicious

bedauerlich: sad

bopli/boppli: baby

boplin: babies

bruder: brother

bruders: brothers

bu: boy

buwe: boys

daadi: grandfather

daed: father

danki: thank you

dat: dad

dawdy/daadi haus: grandparents' house

Dietsch: Pennsylvania Dutch, the Amish language (German dialect)

dochder: daughter

Englisch/Englischer: English or Non-Amish

fraa: wife

freind: friend

GLOSSARY

freinden: friends

froh: happy

gegisch: silly

geh: go

gelassenheit: fundamental Amish belief in yielding fully to God's will and forsaking all selfishness

gern gschehne: you're welcome

Gmay: Church District

Gott: God

granddaadi/groosdaadi: grandpa

grandmammi/groosmammi: grandma

gut: good

Gut nacht: Good night

haus: house

Ich liebe dich: I love you

jah: yes

kaffee/kaffi: coffee

kapp: prayer covering or cap

kichli: cookie

kichlin: cookies

kinner: children

lieb: love

lieve: love, a term of endearment

maed: young women, girls

maedel: young woman

mamm: mom

mammi: grandmother

mann: man

mei: my

mudder: mother

naerfich: nervous

GLOSSARY

narrisch: crazy

nee: no

Ordnung: the oral tradition of practices required and forbidden in the Amish faith

rumspringa: running-around period when a teenager turns sixteen years old

schee: pretty

schtupp: family room

schweschder: sister

schweschdere/schweschders: sisters

sohn/suh: son

Was iss letz?: What's wrong?

Wie bischt?: How's it going?

Wie geht's: How do you do? or Good day!

wunderbaar/wunderbarr: wonderful

ya: yes

yer: your

yerself: yourself

yung: young

*The German dialect spoken by the Amish is not a written language and varies depending on the location and origin of the settlement. These spellings are approximations. Most Amish children learn English after they start school. They also learn high German, which is used in their Sunday services.

Legacy of Love

AMY CLIPSTON



FEATURED AMISH HOMESTEAD
SERIES CHARACTERS

FRIEDA M. MENNO KING

Benuel (“Ben”)

Leon

ORPHA M. PHARES BONTRAGER

Susie

Betty

MARILYN M. WILLIE DIENNER

Simeon (deceased)

Kayla

Nathan

EVA M. SIMEON (DECEASED) DIENNER

Simeon Jr. (“Junior”)

DOROTHY (DECEASED) M. VERNON RIEHL

James (“Jamie”)

Mark (Laura’s twin)

Laura (Mark’s twin)

Cindy

ELSIE M. NOAH ZOOK

Christian



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When Leon attends his friend's funeral, he realizes life is fleeting and he wants to settle down and have a family. Have you ever been emotionally affected by an unexpected death or accident? What Bible verses would help?
2. When Susie is torn about her feelings for Josh, she turns to prayer for answers. Think of a time when you found strength through prayer and share your story.
3. What significance do the antique chairs have in the story? What role do they play in Susie and Leon's relationship?
4. Susie treasures the antique rocking chairs that belonged to her grandparents. Do you cherish a special family heirloom?
5. Which character can you identify with the most? Which character seems to carry the most emotional stake in the story? Is it Susie, Leon, Josh, or someone else?
6. While Susie struggles with her confusing feelings for Josh, she turns to her mother for advice. Does someone in your life help you through difficult times? How?
7. Susie is certain she's not supposed to marry Josh, but she feels guilty about hurting him. Have you ever felt torn between telling the truth and hurting someone's feelings? How did the situation turn out?

The Cedar Chest

BETH WISEMAN



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Isaac and Elizabeth had to go through a lot to finally be together. But if things had happened any differently, they might not have appreciated their ultimate blessings. Related to your own life, can you look back at a challenging situation (in romance or otherwise) that needed to happen in order for you to appreciate the better things ahead?
2. Catherine and Abram were growing apart. What was the biggest contribution to the marriage having problems? Was it their inability to communicate about the issues bothering each of them? What other contributing factors caused them to temporarily lose sight of what's most important in a marriage? Do you think this is typical of all couples in the beginning?
3. If you were in Emma's shoes, would you have shared the story about Emma and Jonathan separating when they were young? Emma didn't want to at first, but she saw it as a way to express to her daughter that marriage takes work and no couple is perfect. Did Emma do the right thing?
4. Do you have a cedar chest filled with memories? If not, would you consider getting one to store memories and keepsakes for future generations to enjoy?

The Treasured Book

KATHLEEN FULLER



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The heirloom Bible is very special to Lucy. Do you have an heirloom or an object that is special to you?
2. Shane says, “You’d be surprised how lonely you can be in a sea of people.” Have you ever felt that way?
3. Shane believes life isn’t without risk. Was there a time in your life when you had to take a risk? How did God help or influence you?
4. Do you think Lucy does the right thing when she lets Shane go? Why or why not?

*The Midwife's
Dream*

KELLY IRVIN



FEATURED JAMESPORT FAMILIES

CYRUS AND JOSEPHINA BEACHY (DEACON)

Iris

Joseph

Rueben

Samuel

Carl

Louella

Abigail

JEREMY AND BERTHA KURTZ

Nathanael

John

Avery

William

Salome

Mahon

Jason

Mary

Mark

BARTHOLOMEW AND RACHEL SHROCK

Liam

Annie

Micah

AIDAN AND BESS GRABER

Joshua



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Most Amish don't believe in having their photos taken. Their objection is based in scripture regarding "graven images." They also believe it's a form of idolatry that grows from vanity. This extends to Mahon's hand-drawn portraits of Iris. In the mainstream world, we've become handy with phone "selfies" and most people think nothing of regular posting of these photos on social media. Do you see any harm in this easy, instant access to photos and their online use? Why or why not? Does it have an impact on our sense of who we are and how "important" we are in the eyes of others? What impact do you think it has on children growing up in a "selfie" world?
2. Iris can't understand how Jessica can leave her newborn baby with a stranger. She says an Amish mother would never abandon or give up a baby, considered a gift from God under any circumstance. Jessica's grandma has found a couple who cannot have a baby who want to adopt her great-grandchild. They could provide a better home for the baby. Who do you think is right? Why? Is there room for both views in this complicated world we live in?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

3. Cyrus is uncomfortable that Iris has brought a young unwed couple and their baby into his home. He's concerned for the example they set for his young children who live in the household. Do you believe children should be exposed to circumstances in which others have not lived up to God's commands or should they be taught these lessons in less obvious ways? Have you ever been influenced to do something you know is wrong because you spent time with friends who aren't Christians? What did you learn from that experience?
4. Iris spent three years courting with Aidan and waiting for him to propose to her. She prayed for God's plan to be revealed to her. In the meantime, Mahon was waiting for her to notice his feelings for her. Have you ever been certain you know God's plan for you, only to discover you were on the wrong path all along? How did you deal with it? What are some ways we can try to discern God's plan for us?
5. Do you think Jessica and her grandmother are making the right choice when they decide to keep Lilly?