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Amish teenager Reuben Weaver wants to do the right thing; it's just that when he and his friends are together, the temptation to follow their mischievous schemes and try to prove himself can be strong.

Reuben, the great-great-grandson of Ellie Maust, whom readers came to love in book 1 of Ellie's People, treasures his Amish way of life and tries to use good sense, but he tests his parents' patience with fights in the schoolyard and dares involving stilts and barbed wire.

When Reuben gets his dream horse, Princess, he is the envy of all his friends. When Reuben agrees to a dare to prove how fast his horse can run, tragedy erupts. Pride may go before a fall, but can any good happen when you pick yourself up?

Book 4 of the Ellie's People: An Amish Family Saga series. Ages 10 and up.

The ten books of the Ellie's People series, beloved classics among young and old readers in Amish and Mennonite communities, are now available for today's reader. Author Mary Christner Borntrager grew up Amish and based her novels on events in her Amish childhood. Fans of Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House on the Prairie series will love learning to know spunky Ellie and her friends and family.

What's new in the Ellie's People series:

Pennsylvania Dutch glossary at the end of each book

A sample chapter from the next book in the series

Language and examples updated for today's readers

Reuben Details

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The Third Place A Teen Library says

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Victoria says

This is the 5th book from Ellie's People, and sadly it wasn't the best at all. After the previous one being so amazing, this one certainly made sense as a middle grade book that it is, but I guess I was hopeful for better as the story went on. I think it is a GREAT lesson book for kids to understanding how they need to stand up as an individual rather than be like everyone else.

Reuben LOVES horses and has a friend who seems to always lead him towards the world, including giving him worldly magazines with horses in it. He has a dream horse he hopes to even own one day named Prince. This book is about how we should avoid peer pressure and not give into doing things we shouldn't just because we are called names and such. I guess I have a hard time with stories like this because I never gave into peer pressure and never had a hard time saying no to people and not caring if I'd be called a chicken for not doing things and such. . .so I don't know that struggle many people have. It was easy for me as a kid to avoid those things and hurts me to read that so many have a hard time with it. Anyway, this book would be helpful for the middle grade student who DOES have a struggle. There were some definitely sad consequences in this book because of bad choices. Make good ones!

Sue Klasing says

Book 5 in Ellie's People series. Reuben has a serious problem with not being able to resist the dares and temptations put before him by his peers, until tragedy strikes and he learns a life changing lesson.

Cws says

JF-YABor

Anne Dart says

Like many boys in a society that is not the norm for America, Reuben wonders what it would like not to be Amish. He tries to find out and then has to come to terms with his being Amish.

Erin says

Reuben must learn to balance his desire for a fast life with his Plain heritage.

Partridge Public says

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