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# **From Reader Review An Amish Christmas Love for online ebook**

## **Deanne Patterson says**

A fun collection of 4 Amish Christmas novellas by some of today's top Amish writing authors. I really enjoyed these stories and they are guaranteed to put a smile on your face while reading them.

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## **Carole Jarvis says**

Novella collections are the perfect read when I need a break during busy times, which happens more often than I'd like! And since I love Amish fiction, *An Amish Christmas Love* by four authors that I always enjoy was so very satisfying. Each story is centered around the Christmas season and includes some romance.

*Winter Kisses* by Beth Wiseman is a little unconventional, and I loved that about it. With three generations of unmarried women living under one roof, and three eligible bachelors staying in their guest house, what could possibly go wrong? The grandmother, Ruth, simply stole the show with her outspokenness and unconventional ways. Just a fun story in every way, but with that touch of seriousness that Wiseman is known for.

*The Christmas Cat* by Amy Clipston ... Now anyone who knows of my love for cats suspects that I would gravitate to this story, and they would be right. I don't know if cats can really respond to a human's emotions, but I've had a few unexplainable experiences with these precious felines over the years. Little Hank stole my heart, of course, but there's much more than that involved with this well-crafted story. Clipston has an ability to draw from the ordinariness of life and create a narrative that not only inspires, but connects you emotionally from the first page. What would normally be a depressing theme is offset by sweet memories as Emma reminisces, four thoughtful young adults who are snowbound at Emma's, and a cat that adopts her ... all resulting in a joyful and hope-filled story, reflected in this prayer from Romans 15:13: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him ..."

Sometimes a novella will continue with secondary characters from the author's other books – and while I don't know for sure, I suspect that might be the case with *Snow Angels* by Kelly Irvin. I enjoyed this sweet story, especially its spiritual themes of forgiveness and transformation, but I felt like there was a lot of backstory that I didn't know. Still a good read and I'm glad it was included in this collection.

Ruth Reid is an outstanding writer and *Home for Christmas* is a wonderful conclusion to this collection. However, I need to finish reading this story before sharing my thoughts in order to do it justice. I'll update this review very soon.

I was provided a free e-copy of this book through the author and NetGalley. The opinions expressed in this review are entirely my own.

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## **Molly Jaber (Cover To Cover Cafe) says**

I am always in the mood for a good Christmas story, and it's always a bonus when I get to sit down and read more than one in one book! So, it never fails when I get a new book with Christmas themes, that I fall in love with them. This is no exception!

This anthology contains four heart warming stories centered around the Amish. Each story pulled me in, hooked me and took me on a wonderful sleigh ride through God's amazing graces. These four authors know exactly what their readers like and how to keep them engrossed. Their characters are finely chiseled and real to life and their messages from God are beautifully woven into each story.

I can't pick just one favorite though! All four stories held me captive equally, all four stories ones that I would recommend to all. But, Ruth Reid's and Amy Clipston's stories never fail to bring me so many emotions, from happiness to love. They take me on ups and downs, and ins and outs with their moving stories, and I love their writing styles. Ms. Wiseman and Ms. Irving have beautiful styles too, and their stories are vivid and tender.

If you love Christmas, beautiful characters and wonderful writing, then this book is the one you want to read this holiday season. These authors will hook you! I highly recommend this book with the highest of 5 stars! Hats off to some very talented ladies.

\*I received a complimentary copy of this book from Thomas Nelson Publishers and was under no obligation to post a review, positive or negative.\*

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## **Maureen Timerman says**

Four heart warming novellas that are just right for a one sitting quick read, of course, you won't be able to stop at just one.

Four different authors and four different stories all set in Amish country, all taking place at Christmas time, and all contain a form of "love", whether human or animal, they all make real the meaning of my favorite holiday.

Each story is set in a different part of the US, but all are connected by being set with Plain people, and feature a bit of romance, all set in the winter.

This book has a bit for everyone and four of my favorite authors, when I seen their names I know I'm in for a treat.

I received this book through Net Galley and the Publisher Thomas Nelson, and was not required to give a positive review.

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## **Just Commonly says**

An Amish Christmas Love is another anthology of novellas from publisher Thomas Nelson & Zondervan Fiction. Like the other Amish collections, this one compiles four stories from four different authors. If you're a fan of Amish fiction, authors Beth Wiseman, Amy Clipston, Kelly Irvin and Ruth Reid are familiar names. With the theme of Christmas in the background, we can expect the warmth that is simultaneous with the season.

In Beth Wiseman's *Winter Kisses*, it is so endearing to see how three generations of the Stolfuz women live together under one roof, and find love with the help of each other. Ruth is just hilarious. I don't know what to expect from this grandma figure who also happens to be quite forward in her romantic ways, but her story was the one I was most keenly interested in because of it. LOL.

Amy Clipston's stories have always captured my heart with its emotional connection with life's mundane. And in *The Christmas Cat*, a connection with a feline friend led to happy memories. It was just so heartwarming to see Hank the Cat soothe Emma's heart during her first Christmas without her husband of 45 years. How the youngsters in the community took time to be with Emma so she won't be alone was also sweet. There's something special about reminiscing the moments in your love story.

"May you discover a wealth of faith and the power of God. . . . Prayer is a powerful too. Not everything you ask will be answered immediately, but know God is listening. His Word is without void." (*Home for Christmas*)

Next we have Kelly Irvin's *Snow Angels*, which brings in the trepidation of what it means to be "equally yoke" between the Englisch and the Amish. In all honesty, I was quite annoyed with David. It's one thing to be unsure of your feelings, but to string along two girls, and let things go far, it's just not right. Despite that, Molly's character is a highlight, and it's quite nice to know her in this story.

And finally, but not least, Ruth Reid's *Home for Christmas* connects with me. I just love the involvement of Lulu, the dog that shone throughout the story. Her connection with Allison was endearing. Her resolve to protect her was just outright tear-worthy. As a proud pup mom myself, I just love this portrayal of a dog in a story that have quite the substance, and debunking the misunderstanding of the beautiful companionship of a canine family member.

In all, *An Amish Christmas Love Novella Collection* brought together family in time for the most magical season of the year. Heartwarming, sweet and definitely a time to share, it's a collection worthy to be read.

*This review first appeared on Just Commonly blog.*

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## **Bree says**

I couldn't be more excited to read this collection of heart warming, holiday inspired stories. I have enjoyed reading many books by each of the authors and was pleasantly surprised how each of their novellas in this collection turned out.

Hands down my personal favorite came in the form of a story with a furry companion. A sweet little cat in need of a home. How does this animal lover and book lover not love such a combination? Amy Clipston has never failed me as an author with how her stories touch my heart and this one was by far the dearest to me. It touched a memory in me that I had forgotten but it is amazing what a shelter seeking critter can do.

If you are wanting a Holiday collection that we'll have you ready for the real meaning of the season and

ready to share your heart, this collection is just right for you.

If you need a gentle reminder about love and kindness, and are will to look in a collection that may be new to you. I highly suggest reading this collection.

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## **Laura says**

### **Winter Kisses by Beth Wiseman**

Three generations of Stoltzfus women are all living under the same roof. At twenty-five, Naomi has never been married, and both her mother, Barbara, and her grandmother, Ruth, have recently been widowed. Each nursing broken or lonely hearts, they also each have potential suitors. When a storm on Christmas Eve forces the three couples to take shelter in the basement of the Stoltzfus homestead, secrets are revealed, hearts are opened, and all three potential grooms drop to their knees for very different reasons—a proposal, a prayer, and an epiphany.

My thoughts: WINTER KISSES has a charming title - and a unique theme. Three single women. Three single men all together at the women's bed and breakfast for the month of December. I wasn't sure what to think of Ruth. She added a bit of comic relief to the story, but wow was she forward. Eli was a sweetheart and reminds me of someone I know. A very sweet, unconventional romance by Beth Wiseman. Fans of Amish fiction and Ms. Wiseman's usual women's fiction will love this.

### **The Christmas Cat by Amy Clipston**

Emma Bontrager is spending her first Christmas alone after her husband of 45 years, Henry, passed away in July. Although the Amish don't normally allow animals in their homes, a big, fat, orange barn cat keeps coming into Emma's house. She shoos the cat away, but it continues to appear in her house, settling on Henry's favorite wingchair. But the cat isn't the only Christmas visitor: a group of young people help bring the Christmas spirit to Emma, reminding her that love and hope abide.

My thoughts: THE CHRISTMAS CAT is kind a sad story, but it's also sweet. Emma is spending her first Christmas without her husband and as expected is awash in a sea of memories. The story sways from present to past as she relives her courtship with Henry and their years together. A cat decides to spend Christmas with her, and some young adults stop by to share a meal and fellowship and end up snowed in. A sweet story, even if I did read it with a tear in my eye.

### **Snow Angels by Kelly Irvin**

As a young man enjoying his rumspringa, David Byler gave his heart to an Englisch girl, but he eventually realized he couldn't give up his Plain faith and family for her, so he let her go. He's found a new love in his Bee County Plain community, Molly Shrock. Molly has been patient, waiting for the man she loves to love her back. Just as he is ready to propose, David makes a startling discovery: Bobbie McGregor, his Englisch love, is back. Will Molly's prayers for a Christmas love be answered?

My thoughts: SNOW ANGELS is a sweet and sour romance. David can't quite make up his mind. The sweet, quiet Amish girl -- Molly -- with whom there is no sparks, but part of the life he wants, or the wild, exciting Englisch girl -- Bobbie -- who fills his every thought and dream. I felt kind of sorry for Molly. She had so much to deal with, with her beau having feelings for another woman, the bold Englisch woman talking with her, rumors, and of course, two young Mexican children who just lost their sole relative. Set in Ms. Irvin's popular Bee County, Texas, it plays in with that series.

### **Home for Christmas by Ruth Reid**

When a misdirected GPS sends Ellie Whetstone to the wrong address, she inadvertently finds herself breaking into the home of Amish man, Ezra Mast. Ellie hopes to fix up the house left by her aenti and sell it quickly, but a series of run-ins with Ezra and his young daughter have her questioning whether a hasty sale is the right move. Could this new place with its slower pace be the right home for Ellie?

My thoughts: Ruth Reid's HOME FOR CHRISTMAS is a story with a bit more substance than the previous three. Ellie is Englisch and very heavily involved in the show dog business with a poodle named Lulu. Ezra Mast is a widower with a young daughter with a disease that causes seizures. Ellie's aunt and Dad were Amish, but Ellie is not. She is kind of a misfit in this community with people questioning her and suspecting her, and she herself is not sure of her future. I did enjoy this story very much, though thought Ezra was a bit harsh at times.

Overall thoughts: A very nice collection. I requested it due to Kate Lloyd and Ruth Reid's stories as I love their Amish books. They are different than the average, cookie-cutter Amish fiction. However, both Beth's and Amy's in this collection, were different, too, and quite good.

Recommended for fans of Amish fiction or of any of these four authors.

I received a copy free. All opinions are my own.

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## **Kav says**

A Christmas potpourri of love and romance in Amish country.

Winter Kisses by Beth Wiseman -- Three generations of Stoltzfus women find romance at Christmas. Grossmammi Ruth has been widowed for a very long time, but not single by choice. She's ardently pursued every widower in their community, much to the embarrassment of her daughter-in-law and granddaughter. Love Ruth because she's funny and frank and full of mischief.

Daughter-in-law, Barbara, also a widow, has no intention of looking for love again...until an unexpected stranger won't take no for an answer. I have to say that this mature 'forty-something' romance was my favourite. And suitor Wayne definitely wins in the toe-curling category.

And then there's twenty-year-old Naomi who has shied away from love out of fear. Having witnessed the crushing grief of both her mam and grossmammi when their husbands died she's vowed to remain safely single. But this Christmas season changes that conviction.

Wiseman does an amazing job of including three romances and multiple points of view in this Christmas novella.

The Christmas Cat by Amy Clipston -- There's nothing like a good critter story to bring added warmth to a Christmas story and Hank the Cat does just that. This sweet, heart-warming story showcases the true meaning of Christmas as recent widow Emma faces what is sure to be a bleak and lonely Christmas. At least, that's what she thinks until Hank shows up on her doorstep and somehow ends up inside her house -- even though she's never been one to encourage pets in the home. But Hank isn't an ordinary kitty and Emma soon finds herself sharing 45 years worth of marriage memories with the sympathetic feline. Loved those slips into yesteryear as Emma relives the joy of first love and newly wedded bliss. And the power in a love strong



enough to survive the hardships of decades together.

And then a group of youngies from the community come to spread some Christmas cheer with Emma (and Hank) and the vibrancy of their youth and caring bring the blessing that there is hope in the future...even without her beloved at her side. A moving and heartwarming read.

Snow Angels by Kelly Irvin -- Fans of the Bee County series will be thrilled over this novella addition to the series. No worries if you haven't read any of the books, this still makes a wonderful standalone story. But it was fun to become reacquainted with some favourite characters and be part of David's chance at a happily ever after. Irvin captures the magic of Christmas miracles in this delightful holiday novella.

Home for Christmas by Ruth Reid -- Ellie's mother took her away from their Amish community when she was a little girl but now that she is grown she has come back to deal with an inheritance left to her by an aenti she doesn't remember.

Widower Ezra had a special relationship with Ellie's aunt who was also his closest neighbour. You might say Aenti Bonnie had matchmaking in mind when she bequeathed her property to Ellie. Of course it's an impossible romance -- Englisch and Amish just don't mix. But Aunt Bonnie was a powerful prayer warrior and that legacy lives long after she has passed away.

An adorably awkward and funny first meet, an intuitive champion standard poodle named Lulu and a fragile motherless child all contribute to the read-in-one-sitting frenzy that kept me riveted until the very end.

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## Jen. says

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Winter Kisses by Beth Wiseman

Wow! Big story packed into a short novella! **Winter Kisses** was so entertaining and so, so **so** funny! Mammi Ruth is especially hilarious! There was even room for a little twist - very, very nice!

The Christmas Cat by Amy Clipston

This was such a great story. I enjoyed the mix of Emma's memories of her life with Henry and how she shared those memories present day with the group of *youngie* that came to visit with her on Christmas Eve. **The Christmas Cat** was filled joy and sadness but also with the hope newfound friendship! Three cheers for Hank the cat, as well!!

Snow Angels by Kelly Irvin

Another great visit to Bee County, TX! Two strong female leads are staking claim on David's future...will he move forward with Molly...or take a trip down memory lane with Bobbie? Wonderful supporting characters and this very unique setting make **Snow Angels** a great addition to this collection!

Home for Christmas by Ruth Reid

**Home for Christmas** was such a sweet story. I enjoyed how Allison and Lulu fit together from the moment they met. I was hoping the plot would take the direction it did, but Ruth Reid threw in one twist I wasn't expecting! The characters were loveable and the ending was excellent!

### Overall...

This was my favorite novella collection of the year! Each story brought something special and inspiring to the table.

While the characters and communities did not overlap in this collection as they often do, each story's setting was vividly detailed and it was easy to transport yourself from place to place. Additionally, the authors provided the Pennsylvania Dutch glossaries for the districts they wrote about - much appreciated!!

I wish the library would let me keep this copy, but I'll happily return it so others may get the chance to read these wonderful stories of faith, hope and the promise of Christ's birth. I absolutely recommend this book!

*Frehlicher Grischtdaag!!*

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### Amy says

An Amish Christmas Love is a collection of four Amish stories at the most wonderful time of the year. The stories include:

Winter Kisses by Beth Wiseman. Spinster Naomi lives with her mother, Barbara, and grandmother, Ruth. Barbara and Ruth are widows, while Naomi has never been married and does not believe she ever will. Suddenly, their worlds will be turned upside down during a storm on Christmas Eve.

The Christmas Cat by Amy Clipston. Emma is facing her first Christmas alone in 45 years after her husband, Henry, passes away. She is surprised to be invaded by a cat that won't go away and is visited by young visitors. How will her new houseguests show her love, faith, and hope?

Snow Angels by Kelly Irving. Going through Rumspringa, David falls for an Englisher, Bobbie. He realizes he does not want to leave his faith and decides to stay Amish. He, then, falls for Molly and is ready to make a commitment of marriage. That is, until Bobbie shows back up. Will he break Molly's heart?

Home for Christmas by Ruth Reid. Depending on a faulty GPS, Ellie is sent to the wrong address and start breaking into Ezra's home! Does this really take her to the right turn she's been looking for in life?

I enjoyed An Amish Christmas Love. All four of these stories were so sweet and clean. I just love Christmas time, just love Amish Fiction and combining the two makes for a perfect read.

Great Christmas read! 5 plus stars.

I received this book from the publisher, but was not required to write a review. This review is 100% my own

honest opinion.

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### **Brittany says**

This is a sweet collection of novellas that will help readers usher in the Christmas season. The stories were short enough to make for a quick read, but long enough to help me connect to the characters.

Winter Kisses by Beth Wiseman – I enjoyed the humor of this lighthearted story. The grandmother provided quite a few fun moments and the romances were sweet, too. This was an uplifting story.

The Christmas Cat by Amy Clipston – Although I really enjoy this author's writing, I was afraid that I might not like this story simply because I knew that the main character was freshly grieving. But, the author pulled off a beautiful and heartfelt story. I loved the flashbacks!

Snow Angels by Kelly Irvin – This novella is set in Bee County, Texas and can stand alone even though it is part of a series. Since I have read the series, I was thrilled to return to this community. I thought the author did an excellent job of conveying David's confusion and Molly's heartache, making for an extremely interesting story.

Home for Christmas by Ruth Reid – I enjoyed the interactions between Ellie and Ezra in this fish out of water story. These two people from different worlds seemingly shouldn't find themselves drawn together, or should they? I liked how this novella highlighted the power of prayer.

I received a complimentary copy of this book. All opinions are my own.

You can read this review on my blog:

<https://brittreadsfiction.wordpress.c...>

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### **Diamond Jones says**

I always enjoy reading Amish Christmas books. This one is now my favorite this year. Four amazing stories wrapped into one great book. Each story will warm your heart and have you feeling like you are there with them. I really like the fact that the authors took time to allow you to get to know each Character. Sometimes novellas are rushed. Not these in this book. Even though I didn't want the stories to end, each one was detailed and well written. I never read books a second time but this one will be the first. I plan to read it again in December.

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### **Patti says**

Four best selling authors come together to write a novella containing four heartwarming Christmas stories. Each story is like a Christmas gift in itself!

Beth Wiseman's wrote Winter Kisses, a story of three generations (grandmother, daughter in law, and granddaughter) of lonely women searching for more in life. When three bachelors rent out the daadihaus, sparks fly! Which one will be lucky in love?

Amy Clipston wrote The Christmas Cat, a story of a homeless cat warming the heart of a recently widowed woman and how the cat and a group of young adults make Emma's first Christmas alone a memorable one.

Snow Angels by Kelly Irvin brings a former couple together. Will Amish David find love again with Englischer Bobbie, or will he stay true to his faith and marry his Amish girlfriend Molly?

Ruth Reid rounds out the group with Home for Christmas. Ellie is spending time at her deceased aunts home readying it to sell. Ezra, the Amish neighbor, does what he can to be neighborly, while being a single parent to his young daughter who suffers from a seizure disorder. As feelings begin to develop between the two, will they realize they are meant to be together before it is too late?

I really enjoyed each story and feel certain others will too!

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### **Kristin Davison says**

I would like to thank netgalley and Thomas Nelson--FICTION for the opportunity to read this book.

Boring.

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### **Carla Johnson-Hicks says**

I have read a few books about the Amish or Plain people, but most have been mysteries. This book is made up of four heart warming novellas. They all take place at Christmas time and have various themes such as Lost Love, Grief and love remembered, forgiveness, friendship etc. Each story can be read in one sitting. I am not going to go into detail about each story, you can read that in the book description, but suffice it to say that they are heart warming stories that show us God's grace and love. There is love in all four stories and show what the meaning of Christmas really is. I have not read any books by these authors, but suspect that some of the characters and their back stories may be told in their other books. Because these are novella, there is not a detailed plot in the stories, but they are a refreshing read for this time of the year. I recommend this book to anyone who loves a sweet, romantic, clean story. The publisher generously provided me with a copy of this book via Netgalley.

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