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Cami Dietsch says

This book was a really good book to read because it told a story of love and forgiveness. The two main characters were Amish but had totally different experiences within the Amish religion. Sadie was raised by two loving parents and had a close relationship with her family. Mark on the other hand had a totally different experience. His mother left him and his four siblings and the Amish faith. His father died and all the children ended up in foster care. This book explains the struggles of this young man to forgive his mother and eventually trust love again. This book made me cry and laugh. In the end, I wanted to know more about what would happen to these two people.

ASC Book Reviews says

Again Linda Byler takes you on a shocking and mysterious journey! Again with Sadie we are on a, at times, dangerous adventure! In this book Linda will break your heart, make you laugh, and shout for joy! The mystery surrounding Mark is revealed. Sadie is almost killed, again! And will Mark and Sadie end up happy and together. Or will there be someone else? Linda's characters are wonderful from the main to the minor! Excellent, wonderful book! A must read! Full of twists and surprises!

My songs for this book are: "When They Ring Those Golden Bells" by the Cluster Pluckers and "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" by Alan Jackson

~ASC

John 3:15-16 (Read it, Believe it, and Be Saved!!!)

Lorraine says

SUMMARY:

There's horse trouble in Montana again. Only this time, horses aren't being stolen, they're being shot. Snipers are driving a blue pickup and shooting selectively. No hard-working ranch horse or Amish horse and buggy is safe. Still, Sadie rides, despite daily warnings from Dorothy down in the kitchen of Aspen East Ranch. But Sadie's getting used to ignoring Dorothy's advice. Sadie's heart is set on Mark even though Dorothy tells her to steer clear after he ditched her in the middle of their first date. Mark, on the other hand, finds it hard to tell Sadie the secrets of his past. He tells her pieces of the shadowy story, then won't speak to her for weeks. As Sadie's world spins out of control, her palomino, Paris, remains her sole confidant. But does Sadie put Paris in danger every time they go riding? Or, together, can they discover who these mysterious snipers are? Why, Sadie wonders desperately, are there so many secrets? Will the truth surface, or is it too hard to bear?

REVIEW: This is the second book in the Sadie's Montana series. I have cut back on the amount of Amish fiction I read as I began to find so many of them very formulaic. But I found the first in this series great, and Linda Byler continues her standard in this second of the series. The characters have much more depth and the

storyline is much more complex. The two main characters, Sadie and Mark, are polar opposites; but the attraction is still there. Mark has deeply buried pain from his experiences growing up which makes him doubt his ability to trust and his faith. Sadie has come from a close knit, loving family and hopes her love and faith can break through the brick wall with which Mark is surrounding himself. The plot line involves mystery and family issues which Byler weaves into the main story line very well. I look forward to reading the next in this series.

FAVORITE QUOTES: "God acts like a missing parent sometimes. He's often hard to find. At first, you have to survive on bits and pieces. A sunset, for instance. Or a sunrise. Little things sort of pierce your armor of hardness, but it's elusive.

"Perhaps forgiveness was like love. It came in small portions, but it was the exact amount you needed, poured out by a loving Father above. Life is imperfect. To believe that painful things could be completely washed away, never to return, was wishful thinking. The painful things of the past remained, but with forgiveness and love, you could lock them away if the key to that lock could be maintained by love. It was God who supplied the key of love yet again. He was always there. So was love."

Laura says

KEEPING SECRETS is the second book in Ms. Byler's Sadie's Montana series and readers will want to read the first book Wild Horses first as the books do not stand alone.

My thoughts, I wish Sadie would've encouraged the relationship with Daniel. I also wished she would've heeded the warnings her mother and father and co-workers and others gave her about Mark. But she didn't listen. There is a bit of a mystery -- who is the sniper killing the horses and why? Will Sadie be able to help Anna with her problems?

KEEPING SECRETS is not a well written book. The author head hops, switching points of view from one sentence to the next sometimes. We're in everyone's head, so I guess it could be called omnipotent point of view. It rather annoyed me at times, and sometimes I got so angry with Sadie I wanted to throw the book across the room.

I have the third book The Disappearances in my pile to review so that will be coming in a few more days.

If you like Amish and don't really care about point of view issues or um a girl who thinks she knows what's best for herself (as most young people do think) then you might want to read KEEPING SECRETS. I really did like the first book, Wild Horses, really well, but KEEPING SECRETS fell short.

Phyllis Stinson says

Fun Read

I hate when books make Amish sound horrible lately. This was a heart wrenching story of neglect, child abuse and family love. It would have gotten a 5 but they left out the answer to the plot.

Linda says

Book two of three. Not as good as book one. The story seemed to drag on. Hope book three is better.

Judith Mullett says

A great read. Deals with abuse in a very inspirational manner.

PWRL says

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Joy Comegys says**Clean reading.**

Nice to read a book without all the kinky sex distorting the real romance and the story. I'm not against making love when two people love each other. Adding suspense adds to a great book..

Deborah says

There's horse trouble in Montana again in this second installment in Amish author, Linda Byler's, series, "Sadie's Montana." Someone is shooting horses and Sadie is determined to find out who it is. That is until she begins to suspect that Mark, her boyfriend, may be involved. Will Sadie discover the truth? Will it be too hard to bear?

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My Review:

This novel had a twist that I didn't expect from this genre; it was an Amish mystery/western! Horses are being shot (like really, how many books have that sort of thing going on?) and our heroine Sadie, is on the case. No horse is safe - Amish or otherwise. Despite warnings from her friends, Sadie stubbornly keeps riding every day, and doesn't care that it could cost her everything.

My interpretation of Sadie's character is a young woman who listens to advice, and still does whatever she wants. That's not necessarily a bad thing, but when it comes to life or death - Sadie is as stubborn as they come! Every chapter of the book breathed excitement, adventure, and action. Byler kept my attention with her authentic interpretation of Amish life, ranch life, and bringing the characters to life with her overall portrayal and depiction of the story.

This book was provided by the publisher for free in exchange for an honest review.

Pat says

Someone is shooting horses in Montana and it seems there are after Sadie's horse, Paris. Sadie learns about Mark's past and travels with him to tend his dying mother.

Ashley says

This is book 2 in the Sadie's Montana series by Linda Byler

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About the author: Linda Byler grew up Amish and is an active member of the Amish church today. She is the author of bestselling Amish romance novel series, *Lizzie Searches for Love*.

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I loved reading this book I couldn't put it down! I had it read in 3 days. Linda Byler's books like many other Amish novels grab the reader's attention right from the start and you don't want to put down the book till you find out the ending. All her books have had happy endings.

Leslie says

Wow. what a difference from Book 1 to Book 2. Wondering if the same person wrote it. I could not get into it and I really liked Book 1. Something was off and different in the writing. I'm going to try Book 3 because I have all three in the series. Very disappointed with this one. I may have marked "finished" but I did not completely finish. I skipped around to the end by page 50.

Wendy says

BACK OF THE BOOK BLURB

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MY REVIEW

This book is a tug at your heart story, it may be very emotional for some. I am enjoying this series, it's been a while since I've read the first book in the series and now I have to see about getting the last one in the series. This was an enjoyable read but I do think you should read the the series in order to get the full impact.

Martha says

Just as good as the 1st book.
