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Joanna Fisher is a typical Amish girl. She attends a one-room schoolhouse with her siblings in Paradise, Pennsylvania. She loves riding her horse, chorin' with her family, and spending time with her best friend, Chloe. But when something unexpected happens at a nearby mud sale, Joanna finds her perfect world turned upside down. Could one event change Joanna's life forever? Approx. 110 pages Teen Fiction

Joanna's Struggle, in the Amish Girls Series, is the first of several books penned by the author. The Amish Girls Series was primarily written for teen girls, but has been enjoyed by fans of all ages. Lovers of the ever-popular Amish fiction genre are sure to enjoy these books as well, even though they are geared toward a younger audience. The characters in the stories will soon become endeared to your heart, especially the mischievous Jonathan Fisher.

Join Joanna and her friends as they grow up in Paradise and begin a journey you won't want to end.

Joanna's Struggle Details

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Naomi Campbell says

I just discovered this author and so when I found out she had an Amish Girls series, I thought I would read them to see if they might be something our 12-year-old daughter might enjoy. Yes, she might! I got a book that has the first four books in it, so it looks thick, but book one, Joanna's Struggle, was only about 110 pages and it was jam-packed full of action. Again, I love how the author weaves the Truth of salvation in Jesus throughout her stories. Once again, no time wasted. She's definitely onto something with her style and unraveling of the storyline, feeding it to you just so. It's definitely not a slow story.

Shari Howe says

Another sweet story in the Amish Girls Series. While this book is part of a series, it is a delightful book that stands alone. As always, author J.E.B. Spredeman has created a story that leaves the reader with a gentle, peaceful feeling. The book is listed as a young adult/teen fiction book, but I thoroughly enjoyed it and couldn't put it down. I enjoy Amish fiction and J.E.B. Spredemann is a master at creating stories that depict the Amish life and their faith. I would recommend this book to others who enjoy this genre. I have read other books by this author and really enjoy her simple, down to earth writing style.

Chanover55 says

Short read but a story of salvation. Interested on the other books in the series.

Beverly Lytle says

This book is classified as Young Adult Christian (Amish) Fiction, but would easily be enjoyed by adults as well. It is a quick easy read that will keep you turning the pages as the story unfolds. The author begins each chapter with a scripture that becomes the theme of that chapter, which makes it ideal for teaching the relevance of scripture in our everyday lives. I especially like the way the truth of scripture is used within the story to stress that salvation is a gift through God's grace alone, rather than anything we can merit on our own.

Joanna is a young Amish girl who is the victim of abduction. Feeling alone and afraid, she tries the only thing she can think of to get away. But will her plan work?

Being brought up in the Amish church, she knows that forgiveness is necessary, but can she find it in herself to forgive this man for this violation that continues to haunt her?

Ever wonder what impact your actions have on other people? Joanna's abductor has had a great impact on her life, but what impact will she have on his?

Prayer, friendship, Bible study, forgiveness, courage and freedom are interwoven into the story line to develop the reader's Christian character. I would highly recommend this book, and I look forward to the remaining books in the Amish Girls Series.

My special thanks to the author for providing a copy of the book in exchange for my honest review. All opinions stated within this review are mine, and no further compensation has been made to obtain a positive review.

Lora Dietrich says

Amish

It was a OK book I don't think I should have to do a review to read my next book !,,,,,,,,,

Elizabeth says

Joanna's Struggle (Amish Girls series book 1)

by: J.E.B. Spredemann

This is the first book in the Amish Girls series and I really enjoyed it very much. At times I caught myself saying NO, NO, and sitting on the edge of my seat. Seem like I could not read fast enough to see what was going to happen next. The life of a young girl changes after the Mud Sale in Paradise Pennsylvania. I felt sorry for her and the struggle she was going through. There is a little bit of mystery and love weaved into Joanna's Struggle and I really liked it. Spredemann has penned a wonderful start of a new series. I also like the way she adds scriptures at the start of her chapters, and the scriptures that is woven all through the story. I was given a copy of this book by the author for my honest review, which I have given

Jackie says

(Edited to add a star. When I realized this was classified as young adult literature, I thought it needed an extra star). While the storyline had potential, I just found all the characters incredibly flat and uninteresting. The "struggles" in Joanna's life were all resolved way too easily.

Loren says

I thought this book was good and I liked the story line however I feel like it could have gone on more. It left so many unknowns! It was still good I just was shocked when I came to the page saying "the end."

Diana Montgomery says

Joanna's Struggle (Amish Girls Series - Book 1)

By: J.E.B. Spredemann

This is book 1 in the Amish Girl Series. I really enjoyed it. All the characters are all well written. Joanna a

Amish girl who lives in Paradise, Pennsylvania. Seems like a happy girl loves riding her horse and being family and her friend Chloe. Everything seems to be going well till the day of the mud sale. Something happens to Joanna that changes her whole outlook on life. Can Joanna learn to forgive? Can she over come her fears? Will her Christian Faith hold strong to get her through this?

I loved the book. Written for young girls but great story. I plan on getting these for my granddaughter. 5 Star book. Looking forward to book 2

A review copy of the book was provided in exchange for my honest opinion.

Joyce Sowell says

Forgiveness

I gave this book Five stars because of it's content. Things happen in everyday circumstances that we have no control over. We keep oil inside and don't understand. This book helps give this peace.

I would give this book to someone who is going thru a trial or circumstance that need help in understanding it.

Rhonda Gayle says

In today's world, with teen role models growing scarce, J. E. B. Spredemann has written an endearing tale of teenage girls who struggle with life among the Amish and Englisch world. Joanna finds forgiveness in the first book in the Amish Girls Series. I would highly recommend this book to teens and adults alike. A local Mennonite woman leads Joanna and her family on a new and glorious past and readers will delight in finding the same path for themselves.

I was given a copy of this book by the author in exchange for my honest review.

Pauline Burns says

Struggle

Started out really well, but the ending totally stumped me. I felt like there could have been more to the story but overall pretty decent book.

Lindsey (Books for Christian Girls) says

About this book:

“Joanna Fisher is a typical Amish girl. She attends a one-room schoolhouse with her siblings in Paradise, Pennsylvania. She loves riding her horse, chorin' with her family, and spending time with her best friend, Chloe. But when something unexpected happens at a nearby mud sale, Joanna finds her perfect world turned upside down. Could one event change Joanna's life forever?”

Series: The first book in “Amish Girls” series. {I’ll be reviewing the next three this week! :) }

Spiritual Content- Each Chapter starts with a Scripture, so many Scriptures; Many Prayers; Talks about God, being saved, forgiveness & His Will.

Negative Content- Big spoiler that Moms should read: *Spoiler* The unexpected something that happens is that Joanna gets abducted but, thankfully gets saved at a Walmart before anything happens; That man gets a 20year sentence and learns about God & & His Merciful Love by the end of the book. *End of Spoiler*

Sexual Content- An almost kiss between a couple that's courting; *Spoiler* Barrett gets called a sicko for "doing wicked things to innocent little children" by his cell mates (it's hinted that the punch him for that). *End of Spoiler*

-Joanna Fisher, age 11

P.O.V. switches between Joanna, Chloe, Barrett, Isaac, Gideon, Rachel, Naomi & Phillip.

118 pages

Pre Teens- Three Stars (and a half)

New Teens- Four Stars (and a half)

Early High School Teens- Five Stars

Older High School Teens- Four Stars

My personal Rating- Four Stars

Without The Lord's Help, forgiving someone is hard. You can't forgive anyone—truly—with Him. The Faith that Joanna has in this book is inspiring, I really enjoyed reading about her.

Link to review:

<http://booksforchristiangirls.blogspot.com>

*BFCG may (Read the review to see) recommend this book by this author. It does not mean I recommend all the books by this author.

*I received this book for free from the Author for this review.

Jenn says

Quick read. God truly does forgive and let's us move on from our past. I liked seeing the side of forgiving others this story offers.

Tina says

It was a Saturday morning In Paradise, Pennsylvania. Spring was in the air when a young Amish girl Joanna Fisher was getting ready with her family to head off to the first mud sale of the season. The whole family was excited for this day to come especially Joanna, as she was looking forward to spending the day with her best friend Chloe Esh.

Shortly upon their arrival at the mud sale Joanna and Chloe met up, they were both anxious to start their day looking at the quilts and having a good time, especially since Joanna was going to be staying all day with Chloe and her family. The day flew by and before Joanna and Chloe knew it Chloe's mom was calling for them so they could be home before dark. Joanna had told Chloe to go ahead she needed to make a quick stop and she would meet up with her and her family, but little did Joanna know or ever conceive of the fate that awaited her.

Life is often overwhelming and far too often, when it is not, we learn to look for the next wave to overtake us. In this way, we can adversely learn to live life in fear. Whether we see it coming or whether it hits us out of the blue, we come to understand that life is always going to throw us difficult - and at times, terrifying - twists and turns. Though our expectations may help us deal with things in this world, it is never the life that God wants us to lead. It is our faith in His love, His promise that becomes all the more necessary for us to stand up to the tests of our worldly toils. Without this strength, we are easily crushed in spirit and consumed in darkness.

Through Joanna, we are shown this lesson. Fear is not an emotion that God has given to us to negotiate and maneuver through life. J.e.b. Spredmann shows us through Joanna's struggle that fear leads us deeper into the void, not into the light of God's love, not into the embrace of His will. In this wonderful story of courage and faith, Ms. Spredmann serves her readers well to deliver a powerful message based on the truth of the Gospel.

This book is suited well for young teens who are more and more frequently consumed by an ever more complex and cold world. For the younger among us who are lost, who may be searching for a false light that will never shine. Written in a way that every reader can connect to the message, regardless of their state of faith (or lack thereof), we can discover this truth in this journey with Joanna as she frightfully confronts her own conflict of fear and faith. This is a powerful story not to be missed.
