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## Eliza says

I found this collection of three books on Netgalley. Even though I didn't recognize the authors it looked like a cute, clean, easy read. I was right! If you've seen any Hallmark movie or read a Christian romance I'm sure you can guess how each ends..but I'd still recommend that you read them ;)

All three...

- involved lots of yummy food descriptions. UM. YES PLEASE.

- on the same note, the second and third books both mentioned Beechy's Sweets, the store owned by the main character in the first book. I loved that little connection even though each story has different main characters and a completely separate plot.

- I don't think there was kissing in any of these stories even though they're all romances. I know not everyone agrees with me, but I prefer not to read about kisses (especially detailed ones) between unmarried couples.

- all of the characters were totally lovable!

- each story's plot is different enough (despite all being Amish Romances) that I didn't get tired of reading them.

### The Sweetest Courtship by Emma Miller

A story of a widowed Amish woman with a positive outlook on life who moves to a new district. She gets a job at Beechy's Sweets. Her boss is an Amish man whose fiance died many years ago and has tendency to push people away. One part towards the end felt like it didn't fit quite well or was resolved too easily, but other than that it was well written and I enjoyed it.

### The Sweetest Truth

Sadie is an Amish young women who works in an Englisher's quilt shop and has given up on ever being married. Why? Because six years before half of her face was burnt in a fire and people gasp when they see her. When the handsome young man who works at a nearby ice cream shop meets her, he's able to see past the scars on her face, but can she? I found it a little annoying how Sadie practically lived in a constant state of self pity. I get it. She went through a lot. There wouldn't be much of a story if Sadie didn't constantly pity herself. It just felt like it went on a little too long. Also, the way she reacted to her crush talking to her was way different than I would. That's probably just a personality difference. Overall, I really did enjoy this story.

### Nothing Tastes So Sweet

This one was sad. It tells the story of recently widowed and three months pregnant Hannah. She can't stand the thought of going back to her parents home so she tries everything she can think of to be able to buy the hardware store she's worked at for years from her elderly bosses. When she finds she doesn't have enough money 'half-amish' Seth just might be able to help...I almost cried, but I really did enjoy this one as well.

I'd recommend these stories to Hallmark loving Christian women ages 14 and up. Younger girls probably wouldn't be interested, but they're completely clean.

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## **Angela Brocato-Skaggs says**

A sweet read to get you ready for Valentine's Day. Perfect for the romance reader in your life.

### **THE SWEETEST COURTSHIP by Emma Miller**

Grouchy Jacob Beechy is no match for his mother, who has taken it upon herself to find him a wife. Rose has come to town for a change of scenery and ends up crossing paths with Jacob's mom. Come sit a spell in Beechy's Sweets and watch love melt even the hardest heart in town. By the end of the story, you will be craving fudge with a side of romance.

### **THE SWEETEST TRUTH by Laura Bradford \*\*\*My favorite of the three stories\*\*\***

A horrific barn fire several years ago changed the life Sadie thought she would have so she has made the life she feels most comfortable living. When a secret admirer starts leaving little gifts for her to find on her lunch break, Sadie's heart starts to soften and she allows herself to dream again. This story will make you smile and your heart tapdance with happiness.

### **NOTHING TASTES SO SWEET by Mary Ellis**

A freak accident suddenly widows Hannah who has just found out she is pregnant. Hannah is thankful for her job at the local hardware store but when the job is in jeopardy Hannah learns she is stronger than she thinks. A sweet tale of how sometimes romance can find a way to heal even the most broken of hearts.

I love reading Amish romance novellas during the holidays as the stories are usually short enough to read in between all the hustle and bustle. You are always guaranteed a happy ending and a smile. Even if Valentine's Day is not your holiday, you will be happy to read these sweet stories. Grab a box of yummy chocolates, put on your fuzzy socks and curl up in your comfy reading chair for one of the sweetest reads of the season.

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## **Janet says**

I received a DIGITAL Advance Reader Copy of this book from #NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

From the publisher, as I do not regurgitate the contents or story of books in reviews, I let them do it!

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I love a good, clean, Amish story and this one made me smile (and crave carbs and sugar and chocolate and all things sweet that I am not allowed to eat on a Ketogenic diet!) The stories as sweet as the candies in the shop - very, very enjoyable AND carb and calorie free!

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## **Babs says**

### THE SWEETEST COURTSHIP

Jacob Beechy runs the local Candy shop with his mom. But his mom Clara is about to leave in a few weeks and thinks they need help while she is gone. It can't hurt that she wants Jacob to find a wife and have kids.

Rose is hired to help out around the shop. When Clara has to leave early she takes over and tries to help Jacob with the many orders for Valentines day that need to be filled and shipped out. He is not the easiest to get along with and is harsh at times. Can she get through to him?

A cute read of a lovely couple who come together. It was nice to see Jacob start to come out of his shell. They both have lost someone special and it takes them to come together to have a second chance for both.

### THE SWEETEST TRUTH

Sadie was scarred on her face when she was 16 in a barn fire trying to save the horses. She has come to believe she will never get married. Everyone around her is but she can deal with it. She has gotten used to have people stare or turn away. She even has a man taunt her each day on the way home.

A young man Amos that helps his father next door has waved at her at the quilt shop. But Sadie hurried to turn away. When gifts start to arrive on the back step where she takes her lunch she suspects the mean man is the one behind it. But could it be more? Could she really have an admirer? What if it is Amos?

Amos was so caring and truly loved Sadie it was nice to see him help her come to love herself no matter what the scar looked like. She was not ugly in his eyes.

## NOTHING TASTES SO SWEET

Hannah had recently lost her husband and her dreams. She is pregnant and needs to think of herself and her child. She wants to go into a partnership with Seth who used to live in the Amish community until he was accused of something he did not do.

Seth has a falling out with his father when he helped an older lady who thought he stole from her. Can he get his name cleared and help Hannah or will their dream be put aside?

A cute read about people who really care about each other no matter what the situation. Hannah wasn't to giving up.

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### **Jill says**

4 stars overall

The Amish Sweet Shop is a compilation book of three short stories all revolving around the same small Amish community and shops.

The first book "The Sweetest Courtship" by Emma Miller is a sweet, romantic story that is a tad predictable but oh, so satisfying. I really enjoyed this one and give it 4 stars.

The second story in the book was easily my favorite! "The Sweetest Truth" by Laura Bradford. I just loved this story. I truly wish this book would be made into a full-length novel! 5 stars for this one!

The third story "Nothing Tastes So Sweet" by Mary Ellis started off so good. It just rapidly fell into the realm of trying to throw too much into one small book. This would have been much better as a full-length novel. I only give this story 3 stars.

Overall, I highly recommend this book who loves sweet Amish Romance books.

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### **Lisa Phillips says**

This is a collection of stories from Bluebird, Pennsylvania. The Sweet Shop is run by Jacob and his mom. He is still unmarried and his mom is trying to find someone to change that. She has to leave to go assist a family member and interviews for someone to help while she is away. Rose seems to fit the part just fine. With a lot of resistance from Jacob and a lot of patience these two will find a way.

Sadie has a job at the Quilt shop close by the Sweet Shop. She is scarred from trying to save horses out of a burning barn. The Quilt shop owner loves seeing Sadie and talking to her. Trying to build her confidence. There is a young man Amos who notices Sadie and appreciates her for who she is. There is a young man in the community who is English that comes around to make fun of her and tear her down. Amos does his best to protect her and make her feel as beautiful as he sees her.

Hannah works for the hardware store in town. She and her husband stay above the store. He is only home on weekends because of his work. They are trying to save money for their own farm. One day he leaves and

does not come home. He is killed on a on the job accident. She continues to work for the owners and soon finds out they want to sell. She is wanting to buy the store with her savings but doesn't have enough. This is where Seth comes in . He is ready for a change and wants to buy the store. Between the two of them they have to work on trusting each other and respecting each others decisions to make the dream of owning work. These stories are short but strong in content.. I was given this book by net galley for my honest review

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### **Terri Wangard says**

In *The Sweetest Courtship*, Rose is a delight. Jacob is a curmudgeon trapped in the past. His fiancée died, but when he learns Rose lost her husband and son just eighteen months ago and is still joyful despite her loss, he realizes he has no excuse to be sullen. His mother is a conniving matchmaker, but they both are good-natured with her.

Scarred Sadie in *The Sweetest Truth* refuses to believe anyone will ever see past her scarred cheek from a barn fire five years ago. I know from long years of being bullied that being different is no fun, but Sadie's self-pity gets tiresome. Amos Yoder doesn't give up on her though.

My favorite is *Nothing Tastes So Sweet*. Hannah's husband dies, leaving her expecting their first child. She works at Howard's Hardware store, and when the Howards decide to retire, she wants to buy the store. So does Seth Miller, whose father believed the worst of him five years ago. Neither can afford the store on their own, but a partnership will work, if Seth reconciles with his father and joins the Amish church.

These three Amish novellas are quick, fun reads.

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### **Maureen Timerman says**

Once I began reading these three novella's I was gone and page-turning, the stories are written by three different authors, but in some way, include an Amish candy store, take place in a walking distance from each other.

Each story is different, but with the theme of forgiveness, loss of loved ones, and coming to terms with yourself.

They kept my attention, and as I finished each story I was willing to keep on reading and being in their lives, they are all that enjoyable, and quickly became friends.

You won't go wrong with this one, there is something for everyone!

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

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## Christine says

"Amish Sweet Shop" is a collection of three novellas, all set in Bluebird, Pennsylvania. All are Amish romances but each is unique from the other and from other Amish romances I've read. In this collection, the only author I was familiar with was Laura Bradford, I enjoyed all of the stories.

My favorite story is the first one, "The Sweetest Courtship" by Emma Miller. It's set in a candy shop run by Clara Beechy and her hard-working, but brusque son Jacob who is still mourning the death of his fiancée. While screening applicants for an assistant to help at Beechy's Sweets, Clara also has an eye out for who would make the best match for her son. She chooses Rose Bontrager, a widow, who learns to work with Jacob so well, the two of them wonder if they each have a second chance for romance. I would rate this story 4.5 stars.

I also enjoyed "The Sweetest Truth" by Laura Bradford. Sadie Fisher is the last of her friends to be married and has given up on becoming a wife and mother because of the scars she has from a barn fire. She can't believe it when the handsome Amos Yoder seeks her out for friendship or maybe more. This plot of the story is separate from the others, but Clara Beechy makes a brief appearance.

"Nothing Tastes so Sweet" by Mary Ellis is a good story, but my least favorite of the three and I would give it 3.5 stars. I like that the characters are more than just stereotypes and Hannah Kline wants more from her life than relying on her parents to support her and finds the courage, with the help of a cabinet maker named Daniel, to make her dreams come true. Beechy's Sweets is also mentioned in this story.

Together the three stories make a good collection and would be a perfect Valentine's Day treat to yourself.

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## Cecilia says

The Amish Sweet Shop is a collection of three short stories set in Bluebird, Pennsylvania by Laura Bradford, Mary Ellis and Emma Miller.

In The Sweetest Courtship by Emma Mille, we meet Jacob Beechy who owns and operates the best sweet shop around, Beechy's Sweets. His wonderful mother, Clara is ready for grandchildren and won't let anything stop her from playing matchmaker. Unsuspecting, Rose Bontrager is in town to stay with family and just looking for a job, but with Clara involved there may be a romance baking at the sweet shop.

The Sweetest Truth by Laura Bradford follows sweet Sadie Fisher who works at Bluebird Quilts. Sadie has resolved to live a life alone due to an accident that occurred when she was sixteen leaving her scarred. Her boss, Miss Jenny loves Sadie and encourages her everyday, saying God will send the right man along who will see her beauty despite the scars on her face. Sadie tries not to get too hopeful when a secret admirer starts leaving her gifts on the back porch of Bluebird Quilts. With the help of Miss Jenny and a new friend, Sadie is determined to find the truth, good or bad, behind the gifts.



In *Nothing Tastes So Sweet* by Mary Ellis, Hannah Kline finds her dreams smashed when her husband passes away in an accident. When Hannah discovers she is pregnant shortly after her husband's passing, she is determined to support herself and not rely on others. She feels that the answer has been laid in her lap, when she discovers that Mr. & Mrs. Howard are selling the hardware store where she has worked for years. Unfortunately, Hannah does not have enough money for the down payment on her own and the Howards suggest that she partner with Seth Miller who is also interested in the store but lacking funds. To obtain the Bishop's approval, Hannah must clear Seth's name of an incident that caused him to leave the Amish.

I found the stories to be nicely written and well flowing. I loved how they are not only set in the same town, but also linked together by the characters. *The Amish Sweet Shop* is a great read and I would recommend it to those who love a great romance.

I received this book from netgalley.com and the publisher and was not required to post a positive review. All thought and opinions are my own.

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## **Kelsie says**

*The Amish Sweet Shop* is a trio of Amish romance stories by Emma Miller, Laura Bradford and Mary Ellis. Each story tells a tale of love at its purest and sweetest.

### **The Sweetest Courtship** by Emma Miller

Beechy's Sweets in Bluebird, Pennsylvania is a candy shop owned by master candy maker, Jacob Beechy. It's nearly Valentine's Day and Jacob has many orders to fill. Clara, Jacob's mother, normally helps him in the shop, but she has plans to travel to Indiana to help a family member. Despite Jacob's objections, Clara begins interviewing candidates to assist in the shop while she is away. What Jacob and the interviewees don't know, is that Clara is secretly hoping to find a wife for her bachelor son. Clara interviews Rose Bontrager, believes she is the perfect wife for Jacob, and hires her on the spot. Will gruff, standoffish Jacob and sweet, even-tempered Rose fall into Clara's marriage trap?

### **The Sweetest Truth** by Laura Bradford

Being Amish, Sadie Fisher dreams the same dream as most young women of her faith; marriage and children. After being horribly scarred in a barn fire, Sadie gives up her dreams of domestic bliss. She now feels that her friends, family and especially strangers can only see the scars that mar one side of her face, and not the beautiful young woman she once was. In some cases she is correct, but now Sadie has a secret admirer who leaves her gifts in the days leading up to Valentine's Day. Who has seen past her scars and the wall she has built around her heart, to the beauty, both inner and outer, that she still possesses?

### **Nothing Tastes So Sweet** by Mary Ellis

Hannah Kline and her husband, Daniel, are looking forward to a future where they have a family and their own farm. Unfortunately, Daniel is killed before this dream is fully realized. Hannah is widowed and pregnant but soon realizes that though one dream has died, another has been birthed. Seth Miller left the Amish after a misunderstanding. He returns with a dream of his own. Can Hannah and Seth intertwine their dreams? Hannah's first love can't be replaced, but could a second love be just as sweet?

Miller, Bradford and Ellis have each brought love to light in beautifully written stories. The characters, with one notable exception, are like cherished friends. *The Amish Sweet Shop* stories highlight the simplicity and sweetness of true love. Each of these stories was a treat for me, and I rate the book 5 out of 5 stars. I

recommend *The Amish Sweet Shop* to all lovers of chaste romance. Readers of Amish fiction will find these stories particularly delightful.

My thanks to Kensington Books and NetGalley for the opportunity to read an advance copy of this book. However, the opinions expressed in this review are 100% mine and mine alone.

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## **Kristina says**

The Amish Sweet Shop by Laura Bradford, Mary Ellis and Emma Miller contains three sweet stories set in Blue Bird, Pennsylvania. We start with The Sweetest Courtship by Emma Miller. Jacob Beechy creates the sweet treats sold at Beechy's Sweets run by his mother, Clara and himself. Clara is ready for her son to settle down and provide her with grandchildren to spoil. She will be leaving town to assist her expectant niece and convinces Jacob they need help in the store. Jacob is unaware that Clara is interviewing the applicants in the hopes of finding him a bride. When Rose Bontrager arrives, Clara believes she has found the right woman for her son. Clara takes her leave and hopes sparks will fly between the pair.

The Sweetest Truth by Laura Bradford features Sadie Fisher who works at Bluebird Quilts. Sadie is happy for her best friend, Miriam who is getting married. But it makes her sad that she does not have any prospects and Sadie believes she will be a spinster because of the scars on the right side of her face. Sadie received the scars when she rescued animals from her families burning barn. Miss Jenny says the right man will come along who can see Sadie for what is inside her heart. It does not help that an English teenager torments Sadie each day on her way home. Unexpectedly, someone starts leaving little gifts for Sadie on the back porch of Bluebird Quilts. Does someone see Sadie for the kind, caring woman she truly is?

Hannah Kline is a recent widow in Nothing Tastes So Sweet by Mary Ellis. Hannah and her husband lived above the hardware store where she works. Hannah discovers she is pregnant shortly after her husband dies in a work accident. When Hannah learns that Mr. & Mrs. Howard are selling the hardware store, she wants to buy it. Unfortunately, Hannah does not have enough money for the down payment on her own. The Howard's suggest that Hannah partner with Seth Miller who also wishes to purchase the hardware store. To obtain the Bishop's approval, Hannah must clear Seth's name of an incident that caused him to leave the Amish. Their talents and work experiences complement each other making a good working relationship. Can their work association lead to something more?

The Amish Sweet Shop contains three pleasant Amish romances. I found the stories to be nicely written and they work well together. They contain likeable as well as relatable characters. Beechy's Sweets is the link that ties the three novellas together plus they are all set in the small town of Bluebird, Pennsylvania. There are sweet treats mentioned in the books that will have you craving chocolate. All three stories are clean, Amish romances with Christian messages (such as looking beyond the surface to the person within). While they do have expected endings, the novellas are diverting. The Sweetest Courtship is my favorite story. I enjoyed the banter between Jacob and Rose as well as the humor sprinkled throughout it. Clara was not subtle with her matchmaking. The Amish Sweet Shop is the perfect book to read on a cold winter day in a comfy chair with a hot drink and a box of chocolates.

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## **Pam Pavkov says**

Nothing Taste So Sweet is a novella written by Mary Ellis in The Amish Sweet Shop book. This is an amazing collection of sweet stories written by Emma Miller, Laura Bradford, and Mary Ellis. Each story has a fantastic storyline that revolves around Valentines Day.

The characters are amazing and do a wonderful job telling the story. I enjoyed each character. I absolutely loved the cover of this book it really draws in the reader.

I was not given an advanced copy of this book to read and review. I was not approached by anyone to post a favorable review. I have rated this book with five stars for meeting my expectations of a wonderful story that I can highly recommend to others.

Congratulations to Mary Ellis on writing another fantastic story for her readers to enjoy.

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## **Linda says**

The Amish Sweet Shop went on sale in time to stuff the Christmas stockings of inspirational Amish romance readers or saved for a Valentine's Day treat. It's a must read that would be enjoyed by book club members or anyone who enjoys a bit of non-cloying romance in their lives! This trio of novellas by seasoned romance and murder mystery authors is a welcome addition to this genre. Emma Miller, author of "Hannah's Daughter's" romance and "Stone Mill" murder mysteries, Laura Bradford (who also writes as Elizabeth Lynn Casey) prolific author of five cozy mystery series so far, an Agatha nominee and romance reader favorite and Mary Ellis, an award-winning best-selling author of Amish romances followed by well-crafted mysteries have each contributed a novella, bite-sized reads to be enjoyed individually whole when leisure time is brief or as complementary thirds of a whole.

Typical Amish themed books focus on young love, a wavering in faith to overcome followed by promise of marriage and family; happy ending, the end. Instead, these authors have each chosen a more mature and to me more interesting perspective. Their heroines have faced adversity and in some cases, life's challenges including death of a beloved spouse. The stories are set in the same farming community, united by faith based values and "Beechy's" homemade candy. They are sweet treats, calorie free for holiday gifting and something to be savored. Emma Miller, Laura Bradford and Mary Ellis are three authors who continue to delight and surprise their growing fan base.

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## **Diane says**

The Amish Sweet Shop features three entertaining and sweetly romantic novellas of true love with delightful but imperfect characters who own businesses in the picturesque modern day Amish town of Bluebird, Pennsylvania. There's a well meaning but meddling matchmaker at the candy shop, a lonely and disillusioned young woman at the quilt shop and a young married woman who is about to go through serious life changes when her bosses decide to sell the Hardware store where she works in town. Settle in with a cup of tea and immerse yourself in these heartwarming stories that are guaranteed to warm your heart on the coldest December day. I read a complimentary copy of this book provided by Kensington Books through NetGalley and all opinions expressed in my voluntary review are completely my own.

