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Fields Of Corn: An Amish Christian Romance (The Amish Of Lancaster: An Amish Christian Romance Book 1)



Synopsis

Best-selling author of Amish Christian Romances, Sarah Price introduces readers to the world of the Amish in *Fields of Corn*, the first book in her Amish of Lancaster Series. Based in part on the author's real experiences living among the Amish, readers will get a glimpse into the lives of the Lapp family. In *Fields of Corn*, Shana Slater, a non-Amish woman from out of state, doesn't realize that her life is about to change when she pulls into the Lapp farm in Leola, Pennsylvania, to inquire about renting a small apartment over a mule shed. Yet, the price is right and the rolling fields of corn present a peaceful place for her to retreat when she is not working in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Her curiosity about the Amish way of life is piqued when she befriends Emanuel Lapp, the son of her landlord. As she learns about the Amish through his eyes, she quickly realizes that the Amish way of life is more than just religion and a plain way of living. She also discovers that the more she learns, the more she is unexpectedly falling for much more than their plain and simple lifestyle. When two worlds collide, which will survive and at what cost? Based in part on the author's experience living on an Amish farm, *Fields of Corn* presents a sweet and authentic love story.

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Customer Reviews

I like Amish fiction, but many times am left disappointed due to bad writing and total lack of research. This book seems to conquer those issues, and leaves you with a decent story and what seems to be a fairly accurate depiction of Amish life. (keeping in mind that not all Amish live the same way) It is a bit of a stretch for the female lead to make such a drastic change in her life...had there been a bit more back story to her character, it might have made that change more acceptable. That said, it is still well done. Many times the Amish, especially the men, are portrayed as harsh and unfeeling. This book doesn't portray them that way at all. It does seem as if the author actually has spent some time with actual Amish families, and she does a good job of describing their day to day busy lives. I really enjoyed this book, and was able to not focus on the lack of character background of the female lead. I will be looking at more of this author's writing.

Shawn Slater is looking for an apartment in the Amish countryside around Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She has been temporarily transferred from her hometown in Connecticut to manage a restaurant. The apartment shown to her by Sylvia Lapp is plain but very serviceable and inexpensive for her needed two months. Shana toured the countryside, bought a few things to stock her kitchen, then returned to the farmhouse where she met Emanuel. Emanuel Lapp spoke with a slight German accent. He had thick, curly brown hair, sparkling blue eyes, and an innocent, almost baby like face. He revealed secret pleasure when he showed Shana his new horse, Lucky Monday. It wasn't long before she learned that this society stressed family unity and a close-knit community. Emanuel looked to the positive, even in hurtful situations. Slowly, Shana found herself absorbing the tranquility that surrounded her. Shana realized that her world was based on aggression and self-pity, as she had been feeling about losing touch with her old friends. She suspected that the Amish youth rebellion was mostly male-oriented, a type of male bonding or soul searching. Shana watched Emanuel's ease walking behind the mules in the corn field. Could they ever have anything in common? One thing they did have, they were both curious. If she could bottle up their tranquility, their complete ease with silence, maybe she too, could lose her anxiety. Here, everyone knew where they belonged. Shana sensed that Katie Lapp didn't approve of Shana's easy confident nature with Emanuel. Now, she realized what frightened her the most, was the way this tranquil, peaceful Amish lifestyle, without competition or complications, appealed to her. The lessons she needed to learn would be learned from budding love, and lavish generosity freely given. This is a story about complete life style and attitude changes.

I like the introduction of the story where Shana is looking for a place to live while following her dream job. She is fairly independent, and she is clueless of the ramifications of living in an Amish development. The writer does a great job of introducing us (the reader) to the life, values and heartache of the Amish lifestyle. She clearly lays out the differences between the English life and the Amish lifestyle. I felt like I was living her life with her as she struggles with her feelings of love and honor to the Christian values of those of the Amish faith. Good story, and lots of surprises.

What a great book. One that will challenge us to learn to forgive as Christ would want us to. If Jesus can look upon those that beat and nailed him to the cross and say "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do". Lord please continue to work within my life, so that I can be that true example of you. Let your light shine through me, that when others see me, that they see you. More of you, less of me Lord! Excellent book. I love Sarah Price's books. What a special calling that God has given her.

I was disappointed with Fields of Corn. I enjoy reading light Christian novels before going to sleep at night, but I had to stop reading this book before bed because I found myself so irritated. The author tried to do way too much and cover way too many topics and ended up doing a poor job skimming the surface of important issues in her story. The courtship consisted of a few smiles and hinted at conversations about values we never got to read. An Englisher woman marrying an Amish man offers all kinds of challenges, but Price barely addresses them and to my deep disgust, ended up having her heroine cave in to every change her husband asked, leaving every part of herself and her past behind. The author didn't serve her characters with any strength or conviction, watering down the issues they faced. Shana's conversion was handled in a similarly weak way. One day she doesn't believe, and suddenly the next she's open to instruction and baptism. There are many other Amish romance novels out there - read and enjoy them.

This is possibly the best of the fiction books I've read about Amish life. The story flows smoothly, and the characters are mainly believable. Shanna, the main character, is the only one that I felt was not quite believable. Her impression of a wife's life on a farm was not realistic. As an intelligent woman she should have known better. The path she took seemed a bit quick for all of the personal and religious changes. Also, there was quite a contrast between the gentleness of the Amish community and the loud, rude, vicious non-Amish. Yet, the story was comfortable and pleasant. I

liked that Shanna was willing to learn. Her being a hard worker was already established in her restaurant job. I liked this book so well that I am going to check out Sarah Price's other books.

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