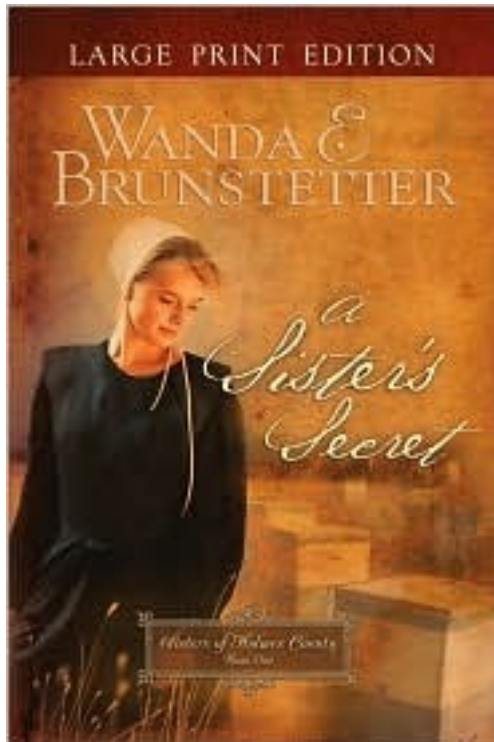


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## Wanda E. Brunstetter

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## Description

Grace is the oldest sister in the Hostettler family. Having put her rumschpringe (running around years) behind her, she has returned to Holmes County, joined the Amish church, and begun a new life. For the past four years, everything has been going fairly well, until the day she sees an English man who knows enough of her past to jeopardize her future. Will Gary Walker's passion for Grace destroy more than one life? Amish man Cleon Schrock is planning to marry Grace, but ignorant of her past. Will love and faith triumph over shame and deception in Holmes County?

## Insightful reviews

Marianne Pekrul: A Good quick read. Better than I was expecting. I did not like how at the end of the book you didn't find out who was causing all of the trouble. Guess I have to read book 2.

Susan: What can I say about this book? It's not bad, but the writing feels very basic to me, and very innocent, as though it was written by a teenage girl who hasn't really had much experience in the world or with love, etc. The dialog often doesn't sound like people really talk and I don't know if that's because the author is trying to portray Amish speech patterns, but I don't think most of them speak as though they are children, either. It just feels more geared to middle-grade with the writing, but the subject matter is not. I think part of that is that, as with most Christian literature I have encountered, it's trying too hard to teach morals instead of just telling the story. It tends to get preachy, where the characters are constantly spelling out their moral thoughts rather than **SHOWING** us what their thoughts are. For example, an author might have the character thinking to himself "I feel so guilty that I can not forgive like I should do as a Christian." instead of "A niggles of guilt found its way in. Forgiveness was something he needed to work on". I suppose it's a style choice, but I think an adult reader is generally able to make the inference there. You don't need to spell things out the way you do for children, so this particular style feels very childlike.

That being said, I liked the characters and I feel like the events are plausible. I'm glad I already have the other 2 books in the trilogy because it ends with little resolution and after reading the other 2 cover summaries, it doesn't seem like there will be full resolution until the last book. As a stand alone book, I wouldn't recommend it, but if you have access to all three...well, we'll have to see after I've actually read the other two.

Carolyn Sherry: Being from SEO we go to Holmes County quite often. I could almost picture the characters in Berlin, Walnut Creek and Charm.

Molly Cline: I listened to the unabridged variation of this on CD; With a mix of Ms Brunstetter's reliable writing and Ms Nielsen's strong narration this booklet grabs your recognition and also you don't desire not to hearken to it until eventually your done. yet ensure you have the following booklet to be had simply because this tale does not finish at this booklet and should proceed with the following (according to the summaries of the opposite books)As you read-listen to this publication you fall in love with and develop into part of each one character; and that might take you on a trip via all 3 books. This one the 'main' personality used to be the oldest

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daughter of an Amish relatives after which all of the different books we could all the different daughters be 'main' characters. even if as I stated even the 'minor' characters are significant characters in those books. This was once a Christian mystery-romance book. Having simply enough connection with God and scripture that you're conscious it truly is there and candy reminders to objects possibly you, your self are encountering on your existence because the characters are of their lives. yet it isn't a 'slap you on your face' Biblical scripture quoting overwhelming the storyline book. Very properly written and as keen on Beverly Lewis Abram's Daughters sequence this sequence through Ms Brunstetter is simply as nice! cannot wait to begin e-book two!

Shannon McGee: this isn't the 1st e-book i've got learn via Wanda E. Brunstetter nor will it's the last. I do benefit from the lightheartedness of her books. This one was once no various rather less predicable then a few of her different books have. in spite of the predicable parts I nonetheless came upon the e-book enjoyable. the tale happens on a Amish cost in Ohio the place we meet the lead of the tale Grace. She is Amish and is robust willed, retains to herself and is particularly secretive. Grace is ready to marry Cleon who's additionally of the Amish faith. 4 years previous in the course of Grace's rumschpring (German/Dutch for operating round years) she frolicked within the English (what the Amish name these people no longer Amish) global without touch to her Amish family. After she lower back she nonetheless did not speak about her lifestyles clear of them. that may merely suggest something within the literary global is that there whatever amiss. no less than in Grace's previous there is, that is approximately to potentially be published by means of the recent English reporter in town. The reporter Gary is anyone who Grace use so far and he has a few tales to inform approximately Gracie. Will he inform Grace's kinfolk her secrets and techniques or will she cease him? i am not telling. I had one challenge with the publication . I had an issue believing that Cleon and charm have been in love and after all the sensation I had approximately them changed. That was once my in basic terms actual challenge though. Since i haven't recognized an Amish individual yet do reside as regards to Pennsylvania Dutch state i will not say needless to say no matter if the settings are real yet do think like they're beautiful close. within the writer biography it really is said that she visits Amish settlements usually on her travels. from time to time her books she is going to upload a few Dutch/German phrases that the Amish use and that i love that. It makes me are looking to research the language. while talks approximately meals i need to devour a similar nutrients they're eating. subject of truth simply at the present time whilst used to be analyzing approximately peanut butter and honey sandwich I said, "That sounds reliable i believe i'll have that." and that i did. In this booklet and so much of her books Wanda E. Brunstetter has a fashion of romanticizing the Amish life. i locate not anything with yet that's simply the way in which i will be able to describe the best way she writes. Out of it you get the sensation the Amish are challenging operating and aware of there faith. within the books the God issue isn't really overwhelming in there day-by-day lives yet nonetheless there. My element is your now not getting beat over the top with God or beliefs. a little nudge the following and there. In all it a was once strong read. I provide it approximately four stars. no longer unbelievably great, yet more than enough to move directly to someone. Oh and that i virtually forgot to say this ebook is the 1st in a chain of 3. The 3rd ebook a A Sister's desire is due out in July 2008.

Kristin: This e-book has a truly gradual commence that's why i am giving it the three megastar rating. in the event you can strength your self to proceed reading, the tale DOES get better.

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After eventually settling on up the pace, the tale by surprise ended with none get to the bottom of whatsoever. I felt as though the writer ran out of time after dragging on chapters worthy of unforgiving attitudes from one of many characters. by surprise on the finish that exact personality pulls a one hundred eighty and comes to a decision to teach forgiveness which felt thoroughly pressured and sudden. The continuous have to describe the Amish phrases is redundant and elementary. A thesaurus of phrases at the start or finish may were sufficient. might be for a primary time reader of Amish fiction it's going to were ok yet as an avid reader of the genre, it threw off the texture of the characters. there have been loads of inconsistencies with characters utilizing "mama" one moment and "mamm" the subsequent which additionally threw authenticity of the characters for me. All in all, it was once a good read. now not the worst yet no longer the simplest either. i'll most likely choose up the second one installment within the sequence simply to fulfill the need to know how issues flip out.

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