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Annie Zook struggles to keep her promise to her preacher father to abandon her art and prove her worthiness to "join church." At the same time she is dangerously close to succumbing to another forbidden desire--a relationship with the handsome Englisher whose interest in her is more than mere curiosity. Yet Ben Martin has secrets of his own...

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Toni says

This book picks right up where the first book left off. Lou is still living with Annie's family. Annie has made a deal with her father not to paint. The story centers around the new beaus that enter both Lou & Annie's lives and how being part or not part of the Amish community is complicating things. I think the first night that I picked this book up, I read half of it and finished it within a couple days. Once again a lovely book from Beverly Lewis.

Maura says

Wonderful wholesome love stories from amish country.

Sunny says

I recently started to read Beverly Lewis once again. I started the Annie's People series, I realized immediately why I so enjoyed her books so many years ago. Her style of Amish storytelling is incredible and pulls you right into the Amish way of life. Book one stayed with me until I finished it and then truly couldn't wait to start book two and I am currently on book three. The first of the two books that I have read recently has gave me a wonderfully warm return to continue to the next book. I have to give her a rating of all the stars from above!

Ashley says

From my book review blog: www.addbookreviews.blogspot.com

I have a mixed review here. I have a lot of the same feelings about this book as I did the first book of this trilogy. Lewis's writing can be a little boring or a little too "goodie-two-shoes" sometimes, but I know that going into her books. I wish some of the characters were a little more real. They just don't hook me like some of the other authors I enjoy.

In this second book of the series "Annie's People," Lewis focuses mostly on her relationship with an English guy, Ben Martin. Along with that struggle, she focuses on Annie's continual confusion about whether or not to join the Amish church. The sub plot in this novel focuses on Annie's friend, Esther, and the troubles she has with her husband and family after claiming salvation. And the sub, sub plot (is that a thing?) that spans over all the books so far is about the death of Esther's husband's younger brother, Isaac. The reader still hasn't been told directly who is responsible for the death or disappearance of the boy.

The plots are interesting enough that I am going to read the last book of the series, "The Brethren," but my main interest in these novels is mostly in looking into Amish culture. It's always been interesting to me, and since Beverly Lewis's heritage actually traces back to the Amish, I think she's a pretty credible source.

I may have a more definite answer about whether or not I would recommend these books after I finish the last one.

Alecia Hefner says

very good book. i love reading stories on the amish almost more than i enjoy reading any other faith based books there is something innocent about them

Lynda says

Having read the first book in this trilogy, I was prepared for the story not to have closure. Although I felt answers to quite a few things this time that I did not have at the end of "The Preacher's Daughter".

I can't WAIT to read the last in the trilogy, "The Brethren".

Beverly Lewis is a good writer. And I'm so looking forward to the true answer of what happened to little Isaac.

The Englisher deals with the subject of battered wives. Given the strong belief, part of the Ordnung, that the husband is head of the family and makes ALL the rules, etc. I can imagine how easily it would be for a man to start believing that his word is more than just that. Add a bit of temper or a psychological issue...

I highly recommend this book although I do believe you would enjoy it more if you read the first one before reading this one. Also be aware that the books do not truly stand alone. There is too much left that is not known until you have completed all three books.

Jo-Ann Murphy says

Another unsatisfying ending. You can have a series where each book tells a story and wraps up themes taht readers like and are invested in the characters thereby wanting more. This series forces the reader to read more books just to answer the questions asked in the first book. The characters are interesting but I do not like being forced to another book without having resolved the original scenario.

Dayna says

First, I have to say I am glad I took the risk to continue this interesting series by Beverly Lewis. It was hard to get through at first, having the main character be so ignorant to the truth about having a personal relationship with the Lord (Her people believe it is prideful to consider yourself saved). But, only pages away from the end, *possible spoiler* Annie finally made a decision for herself, which gives me hope that she will soon accept a faith relationship with Our Savior and return to her wonderful gift of painting that the Lord blessed her with. I am eager to read the last book, and to those who are hesitant to read on after The Preacher;s Daughter...press through! It was definitely worth it. On to the last book I go!

Kristine says

Book 2 in the Annie's People series.

I am loving this series. The characters are so interesting, I love Annie and Louisa, and even Ben and Sam. We gain a lot of insight into how the women are treated vs. the men, and that's pretty interesting. I can't wait to see how the next story in the series goes, I hope it will turn out happy :)

Emi Rose says

Okay! I LOOOOOOOOOOOOVED this book! I'm cant wait to find out what happens!!! I'm reading the third book now!

Lindsay says

The Englisher appear the focus of this story or mostly part of the story. Beverly does do this gradually. Annie Zook has some struggles to keep the promises that she made with her father who by the way is the preachers.

We go through the struggles with Annie. There another struggle that going on as well. Zeke is struggling with something and it does take the whole book to figure it out. There are surprises and twists throughout the book.

Ben Martin as come to Amish county and has his own secrets. He comes to work in the tack shop. He keeps his secret of what brought him there. He seems to run into Annie. Lou had come and is staying with her pen pal Annie. Lou is embracing the Amish and their ways. Will Lou be back or will she leave.

Beverly Lewis - Here a review but you are one of my favorites authors.

Mary says

Second book of Annie's people series. Scene is an Amish community but there is mystery. And the cute guy on the cover is part of the mystery which is not answered in this book but adds more to the mystery and questions surrounding the mysterious events that happened 16 years prior.

Jan Bishop says

Love her books even though there is somewhat of a formula. Love a good clean romance and love seeing the Amish as different from us but who have some of the same struggles and challenges as we Englishers. I admire them so much for the life that they have chosen to lead, although I would find it a difficult one to

live.

Gretchen Fatouros says

When we complete book one, we are left to wonder a number of things... Will Annie end up with Ben? Will Louisa end up with Trey? Will Annie join the church? Will Louisa stay or how long? What about Ester/Essie? Will we ever know the mystery of Isaac's disappearance/death?

This book starts where the last one left off... We begin to see things play out more...

I feel compelled to warn you - some people find preaching offensive. There is A LOT of it between Essie & Julia. Som if you are bothered by this, you may not be interested in this book.

Wow!!! Now I have to get book 3!!!!

Dorsi says

This was a smooth wholesome read about the Amish told in a simple manner. I really liked the characters and am somewhat fascinated by their way of life, although I could never make it being Amish. They are not allowed to express themselves in an artistic way. They are not allowed a higher education, nor are they allowed to read books for pleasure. The women are subservient to the men. I don't have a submissive bone in my body. The narration was superb. I listened to this one. It was read by Aimee Lilly.
