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Building Faith by Kathleen Fuller—Faith Miller knows that carpentry is an unlikely hobby for a young Amish woman, but she loves the work and it keeps the memory of her grandfather alive. So when her cousin asks Faith to build the cabinets in her new home, Faith is only too happy to take on the job, even if it is the most ambitious project she has ever taken on. The only catch is that she has to work with her ex-fiance, Silas. As they work to build Martha’s kitchen, can they put the past behind them and start to build faith in one another again?

A Flicker of Hope by Ruth Reid—Fifteen years ago, Thomas and Noreen King were blissful newlyweds. Young, naive, and in love, life was rosy . . . for a while. Then trials and tribulations rocked their foundation, shattering them emotionally, and soon, their marriage was in shards. All hope for restoring their previously unshakable union seems lost. When fire destroys their home, Thomas and Noreen are left to sift through the rubble. As uncovered items from the remains of the house shake loose memories of the past, Thomas and Noreen begin to draw closer and a flicker of hope—and love—is re-ignited.

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melissalynnmckim says

I absolutely loved this book. I couldn't put it down. you will not be sorry if u get this book. I got so lost in this book I lost track of time..4 outstanding authors.

Maureen Timerman says

As the title of the first story "A Cup Half Full" suggests it is easy, especially under adverse circumstances, to look on the dark side of life.

A young couple and both blaming themselves, and yet life goes on in spite of tragedy, and how we approach it what this story is about.

Home Sweet Home will bring you to tears, and yet the people God led this young family to will reinforce the goodness of mankind. If it weren't under such severe circumstances, I could find myself enjoying living in a daadihaus.

I had to wonder if this would be the catalyst that broke up this young couples relationship, or bring them closer together.

Building Faith really brings to light the fact that you might not really know the person you are close to. Wood is about the open a new door to this Amish couple, and we are going to watch them struggle, and argue, and we hope rekindle what they have lost.

We also meet dementia head on, or do we? Hiding illness because you are ashamed, and this isn't limited to any community or ethnic group. I loved how this story brought this sad illness to light.

A Flicker of Hope. Is exactly that, when at first a tragedy that befalls this couple, and they don't seem to be handling it very well, and as the story unfolds, we see where a lot of the heartache is coming from.

This is a sad story but I could see a light at the end of the tunnel, and with Amish there isn't any divorce, so how can they work out all the problems they seem to have. A really sweet and page turning read here.

I received this book through Net Galley and the Publisher Thomas Nelson and was not required to give a positive review.

Kristi says

From four different authors come four very different stories focusing on family and home. Each author has a unique story and voice that brings a realness to the story. There is something for everyone in this collection.

First is Beth Wiseman's novella. Beth writes about a newlywed Amish couple trying to adapt to marriage and the very new reality of Sarah being confined to a wheelchair. I found myself quickly immersed in this story and wanting a happy ending for this couple.

Next up is Amy Clipston with a different kind of story. Her story focuses on a young couple who end up living in the daadihaus on an Amish family's property. As this young couple struggles, they also find comfort

in the friendship the Amish family provides. It was very interesting to read of the interaction between the two different cultures.

Ruth Reid brings a story of an Amish couple struggling with their relationship. It was nice to read about an Amish couple who are facing problems in their marriage. I think it is easy to forget the Amish have the same problems as everyone else and this wonderful story showcased this in a very believable way.

Last but certainly not least is Kathleen Fuller's story. Kathleen has a way of telling a story that makes you want to know more about the characters and want only the best for them. I liked Faith and Silas and found the situation they found themselves in very unique and entertaining.

All of the novellas in this collection are quick reads. All four have good, solid storylines. Each story is told in a way that leaves the reader feeling as if the story is complete at the end. This is a great collection for fans of the genre and those looking for fast, yet meaningful, reads.

I received a free copy of this book and was not required to write a review. All opinions are mine.

Lorraine says

An Amish Home is comprised of four novellas that I enjoyed reading very much. In each story you don't want to put the book down because you want to see what happens in the lives of the characters.

They are stories of hardships, guilt, strained relationships, healing and love.

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A CUP HALF FULL by BETH WISEMAN

Abram and Sarah were newlyweds looking forward to raising a family and growing old together. When a car hits their buggy and leaves Sarah unable to walk, it throws a wrench in their plans as far as she is concerned. How in the world can she raise children confined to a wheelchair?

While Sarah was in the hospital, Abram and Sarah's brother Johnny were redoing the inside of the house. Abram loved Sarah very much and wanted her to have as normal a life as possible. Abram and Johnny made everything wheelchair accessible. Abram cut his hours at work in order to have time to spend with Sarah and work on the house. He also borrowed money and, for the first time in his life, he had a credit card debt.

Sarah was thankful for all the hard work and tried not to let Abram see her little pity parties. I'm sure it's hard to suddenly not be able to walk. I'd probably have some pity parties too.

Read Abram and Sarah's story.....the love they shared for each other, the trials they went through, and how they made it to the other side.

HOME SWEET HOME by AMY CLIPSTON

Mia grew up with everything....a fine home, money, anything you could ask for. What she didn't have was understanding, supportive parents. When Mia announced that she was pregnant, dropping out of school, and marrying Chace, her mother went ballistic...how could Mia ruin the family name like that? She wanted Mia to move away to a relative's so no one would know, give the baby up for adoption, and marry someone of their choosing.

Life was a challenge for Mia after she married Chace and moved into a small house that his Amish boss offered to rent them. It was the grandparent's house that sat empty since their deaths. Not only was it only one bedroom but, being an Amish home, had no electricity or any of the other conveniences Mia was used to.

Read about Mia and Chace's life in the little Amish home. Their love for each other and little Kaitlyn. The struggles they endured. The generosity of their landlords. The daughters adored Kaitlyn!

BUILDING FAITH by KATHLEEN FULLER

Faith Miller loved working with wood. She helped her grandfather with his woodworking projects from the time she was old enough until he died. Amish women weren't carpenters! Her grandfather understood her love for the wood. He too would have preferred to work full time with wood than be a farmer. Everyone else called it her hobby. Something she did when she was finished working at the store.

Silas Graber was a carpenter and Faith's ex fiancée. Of course, being in the same district, they saw each other on Sundays but kept their distance. Their paths crossed again when Faith's cousin and Silas' best friend were planning their wedding. Martha asked Faith to build the kitchen cabinets not knowing that Melvin had already hired Silas. What to do now?

Can they work this problem out? Can they work together or is one of them going to have to back away from the job? For Silas it was a paying job and, due to his mother's illness and subsequent medical bills, his family needed the money. For Faith it was going to be a wedding present for her cousin. Does working together stir up old feelings?

A FLICKER OF HOPE by RUTH REID

The house was on fire! Noreen had only gone down to the cellar for a minute to grab a jar of peach preserves. How could the house be on fire? She tried to put the fire out but only made it worse. She had to get out of there!

Thomas, Noreen's husband, his brother, teenage nephews and others from the community worked to put the fire out. Finally, the fire department arrived. The house was lost. The fire had reached a stand of nearby trees, dried corn stalks and went across the field.

As Amish do, they pooled together to help Thomas and Noreen, giving them food, material for clothes and anything they could spare. The Bishop gave them the loan of the grandparent's house since it sat empty.

Thomas had saved enough money he could rebuild but, the money and other things were stolen from the barn while they were living on the Bishop's property.

Read Thomas and Noreen's story. How did they overcome losing everything, the guilt Noreen felt about the fire, the tension in their relationship?

Laura says

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My thoughts: Sarah was depressed for much of this book -- understandably, since she had everything taken away from her. I loved the way the author used a handicapped duck to teach her that she can survive if she tries and keeps trying. I know this is fiction, but I was bothered by the fact that the husband and dad went to a bar, drank a couple beers, and wow, all of Abram's problems were solved because Dad bailed him out. The faith message is being angry with God, but it is never resolved and very weak. More of a women's fiction than romance.

Home Sweet Home by Amy Clipston—Down on their luck and desperate after they are evicted from their small apartment, Chace and Mia O'Conner reluctantly take Chace's Amish boss up on his offer to rent them the daadihaus located on his property. They are certain they will never feel at home in the rustic cabin without any modern conveniences, and they start to blame each other for their seemingly hopeless situation. But with the help of their new Amish friends, Chace and Mia begin to enjoy their cozy cabin and realize that home really is where the heart is.

My thoughts: Mia and Chance have a lot of difficulties as a married couple who got married because they had to. They thought they were in love, but didn't know what love was. They had no idea what married life could be like, especially as life kept kicking them when they were down. Fired, homeless and abandoned by those who were supposed to love them, they found a home in Amish country. But things were still not peaches and cream. Realistic. A weak faith message (but more than the first book in the collection) and kind of sad. More of a women's fiction than romance.

Building Faith by Kathleen Fuller—Faith Miller knows that carpentry is an unlikely hobby for a young Amish woman, but she loves the work and it keeps the memory of her grandfather alive. So when her cousin asks Faith to build the cabinets in her new home, Faith is only too happy to take on the job, even if it is the most ambitious project she has ever taken on. The only catch is that she has to work with her ex-fiance, Silas. As they work to build Martha's kitchen, can they put the past behind them and start to build faith in one another again?

My thoughts: This one is all romance. :) I enjoyed getting to know strong-willed Faith and equally strong-willed Silas, and seeing how they are coerced into working together to build cabinets for their friends' house. I loved how each one brought different gifts into the process. I also loved how caring Silas is to his mom. Truly a gift with a son so devoted to her.

A Flicker of Hope by Ruth Reid—Fifteen years ago, Thomas and Noreen King were blissful newlyweds. Young, naive, and in love, life was rosy . . . for a while. Then trials and tribulations rocked their foundation, shattering them emotionally, and soon, their marriage was in shards. All hope for restoring their previously unshakable union seems lost. When a fire destroys their home, Thomas and Noreen are left to sift through the rubble. As uncovered items from the remains of the house shake loose memories of the past, Thomas and Noreen begin to draw closer and a flicker of hope—and love—is re-ignited.

My thoughts: Another women's fiction, but this one heavier on the romance between a husband and wife. This story isn't as sad (to me) as the first two in the story. I love Ruth Reid's stories, as a rule and enjoyed getting to know Noreen. Thomas was quite a bit of a puzzle at first because he was so distant. I wanted to know what the tragedy was that pulled these two apart since Thomas promised to love and cherish his wife and his actions were anything but. The story changes from 15 years prior to present day, but it is smoothly done.

My overall thoughts: First, the disclaimer. "I was provided a free copy of this book. All opinions are my own." That done, AN AMISH HOME is a collection of stories about four couples (married or otherwise) in

Amish country. Not all of the couples are Amish. Not all the stories are romance. But they are all about some aspects of making a home despite difficulties, physically, mentally, or financially.

Recipes are included at the end of the book - one or two from each author.

Elizabeth says

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An Amish Home is by Four different author and four different novellas about the Amish and their lives.

A Cup Half Full

By: Beth Wiseman

I really enjoyed this sweet novella . Sarah and Adam dreamed everything would be perfect in their marriage. An Accident that puts Sarah in a wheelchair and all their dreams vanish. Will they be able to cope with the changes in their lives?

Home Sweet Home

By: Amy Clipston

Home Sweet Home is a very touching novella that got to my heart. I believe that I had tears in my eyes most of the time I was reading it. An English couple with a young baby falls on hard times and no where to go . An Amish couple takes them in and lets them live in a very small cabin they have. They help them all they can, but tension builds up between the couple and causing problems. Will they survive through these hard times? Will it bring them closer or further apart?

In A Flicker of Hope

By: Ruth Reid

a couple has been married for a numbers of years and they are not doing good. A fire gets their home and almost takes the husbands life. A mysterious tin box. Can they save their marriage or, will this be the end for them? This was another sad novella , but I really enjoyed it.

Building Faith

By: Kathleen Fuller

I enjoyed this novella very much. A young Amish woman loves to work with wood. Her and her ex fiancee both are ask to build Martha's new cabinets for her new house. Can these two work together and can they get them done on time?

I was given a complimentary copy of this book, but was not told that I had to give a positive review. All opinions are my own.

Karla says

All I had to do was look at the cover of this book to know that it was going to be a marvellous read!! How would I know that ?? The novellas are written by four talented authors who always write in their own unique style using a wealth of knowledge background of the Amish. As I am reviewing Beth Wiseman's contribution, I will address her story.

Home Sweet Home but Amy Clipston

Building Faith by Kathleen Fuller

A Flicker of Hope by Ruth Reid

I enjoyed every one but Beth Wiseman's A Cup Half Full was my favorite of the four.

I highly recommend this book for those who love to read heartwarming Amish reads.

Five stars

Teresa Kander says

While I enjoyed all four of these stories, I would also very much like to see all of them fleshed out and/or continued in future anthologies. I'm a big fan of all these authors, so maybe I just want to read more and more about their characters.

The stories are all wonderfully written, the characters are enjoyable, and the situations are realistic and relatable. If you love Amish fiction, or clean reads, or romance, you'll love these stories!

Diamond Jones says

An Amish Home consist of 4 short novellas all based on struggles, love, redemption and over coming obstacles. I enjoyed all four stories and the characters in them. My favorite two stories were:

An Amish Home by Beth Wiseman is a really great story about love, faith and finding your way again. After an accident left Sarah in a wheel chair and unable to walk, her life changed. She questioned her faith, God and her marriage. Follow Sarah and Abram story in this great story about making the best of your life no matter what happen

Home Sweet Home by Amy Clipston is the second Novella in the "An Amish Home" book. I loved reading this story and it touches my heart. The main Characters Mia and Chace are Englishers who were evicted from their home. Chace's Amish boss allowed them to stay in his farm house until they get things together financially. Mia & Chace struggle with their new home, finances, being young parents and their marriage. I felt their pain, tears and struggles. This young couple had to learn to love each other through their struggles and let GOD lead the way

Deanne Patterson says

4 short stories by my favorite Amish authors, this is a do not miss book!

We can look at the cup as half full or half empty. I prefer to look at it as half full. Although all the stories deal with a tragedy;hope,love perseverance and faith in God triumphs. Beautiful Amish stories dealing with keeping on and keeping strong in spite of bad things happening . Faith in God triumphs over all. He is our strength, ALWAYS!

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Thank you to NetGalley and Thomas Nelson for providing me with a review copy for my honest opinion!

Kristin says

An Amish Home is a novella collection of four Amish stories by Beth Wiseman, Amy Clipston, Ruth Reid, and Kathleen Fuller. I've sat on writing this review for a few days as I'm so conflicted on what I should rate. Overall, I liked the book. I loved the characters. I've been conflicted because frankly, these characters were so diverse and complex that I really wanted more. I needed more. I would happily read a spin-off series for each of these families so that I could properly explore their story arcs in greater depth without feeling as if things were rushed.

What I thought

A Cup Half Full by Beth Wiseman: I appreciated the complexity of this character. I was interested in seeing how Sarah would deal with her disability. How would she cope? Would she resent her life? Her husband? God? Sarah's anger and hurt was a complex issue and while I really loved the writing, I was left wanting more. I felt like the anger she had and the misunderstandings she had with her husband was wrapped up too fast for my satisfaction. That's not to say that I like to see miserable characters. I just felt like this story, this couple, really deserved an entire book to properly work out their problems.

Home Sweet Home by Amy Clipston: Now, this was an interesting take. Unlike most couples included in an Amish novella, Chase and Mia are an English couple who find themselves being helped by an Amish man and his family. Amy did a fantastic job with this novella and I would love to know more about the couple. There is just enough information given here to make me want more. I'm really hoping to see this couple in a future novella, if not their own series.

Building Faith by Kathleen Fuller: The characters in Building Faith were mostly well-developed but I felt like I was missing something. Though not the focus of the story, Silas' mother and her illness slightly baffled me. While ill, she repeatedly called out for a mystery man. This was quickly explained away once she had recovered. I felt like this was an unexplored storyline that pulled my attention away from the main characters for no real reason.

A Flicker of Hope by Ruth Reid: This one was just heartbreaking. Things ended well and I was emotionally involved with this story. I feel like these characters were so well written given that their entire story had to be shoved into a novella. I identified so much with this couple. Life can get rocky for married couples and sometimes it can take hard times to pull you back together.

Overall I give this a solid 3.5 stars and only because of how quickly certain situations resolved. While forgiveness and healing is very possible, it doesn't just happen overnight. I felt some of these issues were simply too complex to be properly explored in a novella. This review was originally posted on A Simply Enchanted Life

Heidi Robbins (Heidi Reads...) says

I always enjoy reading these collections of Amish-themed novellas. I have to admit that I prefer the ones that involve falling in love since they tend to have a bit more romance ;) The characters in this group of stories are either married or had a previously developed relationship, and they are enduring trials in their lives that threaten the happiness they once found together. I found the angst a little heavier than I expected as the members of each couple turn away from each other, only to find that by relying on each other and their faith will give them the strength to overcome and achieve peace. They are all well-written by some of my favorite authors of the genre.

(I received a complimentary copy of the book; all opinions in this review are my own)
