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Time seems to stand still in Naomi Fisher's tranquil community, but it cannot hold back tragedy. Helping her widowed father run a store, manage a household, and raise seven children is a daunting task. There is no time to think about courtship and having her own family, still her heart yearns for the attention of Caleb Hoffmeir. But her days are plotted for her—until the afternoon her baby brother goes missing from the yard. How can Naomi expect anyone to love and trust her if she couldn't take care of one small boy? Should she leave all that is familiar and seek a new avenue of life?

## **The Storekeeper's Daughter Details**

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## From Reader Review The Storekeeper's Daughter for online ebook

### Toni J. says

This book is so beautifully written. The author tells an amazing story that grabs you from the very beginning. Only you don't want the story to end. You fall in love with these characters like they are new friends that you have made. I definitely recommend this book.

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### Victoria says

I read this after I had read The Quilters Daughter and The Bishops Daughter And I loved this series when I was 10-11!!

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### Brooke Barenfanger says

I know that people enjoy this author, but every time I read one of her books, I remain unimpressed. Amish books are getting a bit redundant. This particular book was, for me, almost dull. The only excitement was that the baby got kidnapped. I felt sorry for the oldest daughter. She seemed so stifled by her family. Even her love interest seemed monotonous. I wanted her to fall in love with a man that would make her heart leap and her eyes sparkle. She didn't. I will say that the Amish community is very interesting and that this author did a good job of portraying it.

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### Owen says

Those who know me know that I almost always finish a book. But as I get older, I'm realizing that life is too short to waste time on crap. I have read some of Brunstetter's work in the past and have enjoyed it, but I can't recommend this one. The main character in this book cannot catch a break. Her mother dies, her dad is an insensitive jerk, and then a catastrophe happens and she takes the blame for it. Quite honestly, I don't mind reading this in a book of non-fiction. But this is a romance novel, which by my definition is supposed to be light and breezy. I'm sure that by the end of the novel the character is reconciled to her father and finds love, but there were too many negative plot twists for me to stick with it. Furthermore, I have read another book in this series (which was much better) and this novel does not jive with the other novel in terms of timelines. I mean, the author is off by MANY years. I can't reconcile the two books and that irritates me. Don't write a series and expect me to time travel (unless of course the book is about time travel!).

I didn't finish this one. And now I'm reluctant to read more stuff by Brunstetter.

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### Tasha enderby says

I have read a lot of Amish books, fiction and non-fiction and I mean a lot just look at my bookshelf! But this book tries to speak the Amish message but portrays it very badly. Just look at Abraham, his life long friend and mentor tells him that he is treating his daughter badly but only when he himself finds love and us happy does

he see the error of his ways. Forgiveness and redemption are a must in any Amish book but this man shows only his own pride and selfishness. Where was his community, Amish culture are all about the good for all. I am shocked other women didn't shelter Naomi and help with the store and child rearing. I had a hard time with book.

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### **Beverly Duell-Moore says**

Naomi Fisher is the oldest of eight children. She helps her mother with all the younger ones, the cleaning and the cooking. She is a great help with her youngest brother, Zack. When Zach was two months old their mother went to the end of the driveway to get the mail. Some of the mail started to blow in the road , so she went to get it. She was hit by a car and dies on the way to the way hospital. All the responsibilities of caring fro the house, the cooking and the caring of the children were put on her. Because of that she was unable to socialize with friends her age. Her father refused to let court her boy friend, Caleb because he needed her at home to care for the children. He also needed her to help at the general store they owned.

Jim and Linda Scott desperately wanted a baby. They went through three failed adoptions. After the third one, Jim was driving around then country roads by himself. He sees a sign at the end of a driveway advertising home made root beer. He decides to stop and get some. So, he asks Naomi if she had any that was cold. She told she had go inside to get it. She left baby, Zach sitting on the picnic table with his quilt.

As she was walking up the house she heard one of her sister scream. She had cut her finger picking up broken glass. It took her a few minutes to clean and bandage her sister's finger.

Jim was wondering what was taking Naomi so long to get back. She had left the baby sitting on the picnic table. He looking at this cute Amish baby. He picked the baby up and looked all around but, didn't see anyone around. The next thing he knew he had the baby in his vehicle and was driving away. He had kidnapped the baby! He wanted to make his wife and give her a baby.

Everyone blamed Naomi for the kidnapping of Zach. They could find no trace of him anywhere. Naomi hears her dad talking to God in the barn. He said that he thought that she left him on purpose. She was so hurt by what she heard that she runs off with her English friend.

What happens when Naomi gets into the world? Does she go back home? Where is Zach? Is he even still alive? What happens to her family after she leaves? Does her dad forgive her? Does Zach come back home?

To find out these answers and many more you'll have to read this great book by Wanda Brunstetter.

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### **Carissa says**

My first Amish read. Good plot and good characters. Loved the ending.

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### **Nyla says**

The Storekeepers Daughter is Book One in Wanda Brunstetter's Daughters of Lancaster County Series. This was the first book I had read by her and I was thrilled to have another Amish author in the Christian book

market. The cover of this book is subtle but drew me in. It shows an Amish girl in front of a general store. This paperback by Barbour Publishing is 320 pages long and hard to put down.

It is the tale of Naomi Fisher. Naomi the oldest daughter has been helping her father raise her seven siblings and run their store since her mother died. She takes care of their house and those duties, also. However, she wants that life for herself. A home and children of her own. Caleb Hoffmeier has caught her eye and she wants to catch his, but she has no time to see him. One day a family tragedy occurs. Her baby brother is kidnapped. Naomi is heartbroken and feels she is to blame.

Author a Brunstetter did a great job on this book. Her descriptive words took me to Amish Country where I made many new friends. The characters are well defined as well as well rounded. There were heroes and villains. It was an interesting story fluctuating between the modern (Englisch) and Amish worlds.

There are a few twists and turns in The Storekeeper's Daughter, but for the most part it is easy to figure out what is going to happen. Does that make it less interesting? Absolutely not. Cover to cover I read this in one night. Yes, I stayed up late but good books pull readers in and won't let go.

Be sure to pick up book two to continue this saga. I loved it and highly recommend it.

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## Kristin says

Note: Kristin reads and reviews both Christian and secular fiction on A Simply Enchanted Life. Out of respect for my readers, I am including a content review. This content review will help you decide whether this book is suitable for you.

### **Content Review:**

**Christian or Secular:** Christian.

**Profanity:** None

**Sex&Violence:** None

**Trigger Warnings:** None

**Disclosure:** A mother is hit by a car. A baby is kidnapped-non-violent. These two events are non-graphic and do not warrant a trigger warning.

You know, I was kind of taken aback by some of the negative reviews for this book. Yes, I'm one of those readers that like to see what other people thought sometimes before I write my review. Now, I'm totally not putting anyone down for their ratings or diminishing what they think. But, I'm just surprised. Because I really liked this book!

The Storekeeper's Daughter is the first book in the Daughters of Lancaster County series by Wanda E. Brunstetter. I just clicked with these characters. I thought that Naomi's dad was frustratingly a jerk-wad. This review started out fairly unconventional so I might as well just go with it and call it like I see it. But, I still couldn't look away. I wanted to know if he would stay a jerk or wake up and realize it!

Naomi was understandably heartbroken by the death of her mother and having to take on the role as a caregiver to her siblings. It was a realistic hurt. Can you imagine suddenly having to mother seven or eight children when you really just want to date and be normal? Sure, it sounds kind of selfish but it's realistic.

The story was a bit predictable. I'll give people that. But, I couldn't put the book down. Despite that predictability of knowing how the story was going, I was invested in the lives of the Fishers and the Scott family. I knew what was coming but I could not look away.

This is a series and a full conclusion to the story doesn't happen in this book. I want to read the next one and for that reason, I have to go against the grain and give a five-cup review. For me, Wanda is a wonderful storyteller. She captures the heart of the person and brings them to life for me. I understand this book won't be for everyone but it really resonated with me.

If you absolutely hate predictability then this book may not be for you. If you do enjoy watching characters go through the proverbial wringer and coming out clean with the wash—this book may be for you. These characters are simplistic but they felt like real people who I could learn from. I can't wait to pick up book number two.

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### **Chani Reeder says**

A fun read, with an interesting enough plot to make me consider reading more in the series. Theology wise it's very Law centered... even the Gospel is preached in a Law tone.

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### **Lisa says**

I don't have anything to say about this one good or bad really. I just felt the whole time that once you read Amish religious fiction you have no need to read more. They all seem so similar in the message and character. I read this as a part of a reading challenge, but have no plans to read the rest of the series.

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### **Fizzy says**

I really enjoyed this book. No, I'm not biased because it's Wanda, who happens to be one of my favorite Amish authors. Seriously, I'm not biased, it's just that good. Take a typical Amish family with a kid or two at an age where they start thinking about branching out and starting their own family (throw in a couple more down the age line for good measure), add the tragedy of losing Ma unexpectedly, a toss of Dad who can't seem to express himself in such a way that doesn't hurt his oldest child and a few other twists and turns. How's that for a bizarre run on sentence? For good measure toss in another family, English, on the opposite side of the country and have their lives intersect in one of those twists or turns. What you come out with is this amazing start to the Daughter's of Lancaster Country series.

Naomi is the predictable oldest child now tasked with the care of her seven younger siblings, the help at the family store, and the care of the home and garden. She's predictably overwhelmed and frustrated (especially with the younger sisters who are at the age and close enough in age to constantly bicker). Throw in a Dad who can't seem to get passed the fact that his love is really gone and can't find his way to his daughter because he's comparing her attempts to step up to his late wife. And of course refusing to allow a young man who cares deeply for Naomi, and she cares for him as well, to court because of her responsibilities to the

family. When her baby brother is kidnapped it brings the resentments and hurts to the forefront and things are overheard that can't be taken back. Choices are made from emotion and not logic. Love gets tossed out the window.

I fell in love with these characters. Even the ones I wanted to despise I felt their frustrations and pain as well. Especially Naomi's dad and her English friend Ginny. That west coast English couple? They just made me want to smack them. She was borderline crazy and he was an inept enabler. I thought I'd figured it all out as the story unfolded. But I didn't. It's not a completely wrapped up happily ever after. There's some happy. There's some ever after. There's even hope and mended relationships and growth from those in Lancaster county. But it's not wrapped. It's not over. There's no neat little bow. I love that because life doesn't wrap in 300 and some odd pages. I don't mind it since this is an older series and I don't have to wait to read the next book.

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### **Diane U says**

This was my first book from Wanda Brunstetter and I really enjoyed it! I cannot wait to read the next one, The Quilter's Daughter, to see what happens to the families!

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### **Jeanette says**

I so enjoyed reading this.

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### **Linda says**

I just absolutely love these Amish stories. They live such simple and uncomplicated lives. Oh how I wish I could simplify mine sometimes. hahaha

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