



Katy's Debate

Kim Vogel Sawyer

[Download now](#)

[Read Online](#) 

Katy's Debate

Kim Vogel Sawyer

Katy's Debate Kim Vogel Sawyer

New Club, New Crush ... New Mom? Just as Katy is feeling settled in her new school, everything falls apart at home. Her father, believing she needs a mother, starts courting a woman Katy refuses to accept. Tensions rise as Katy schemes to send the woman packing. Meanwhile, the pressure builds at school as Katy joins the debate team, encounters a teammate's scorn, and faces her growing feelings for a boy her father will never accept. Can Katy prove she doesn't need a mother's guidance even as she discovers more of what the world offers?

Katy's Debate Details

Date : Published May 29th 2010 by Zondervan (first published May 7th 2010)

ISBN : 9780310719236

Author : Kim Vogel Sawyer

Format : Paperback 204 pages

Genre : Christian Fiction, Amish, Young Adult, Fiction, Christian, Amish Fiction, Contemporary, Teen

 [Download Katy's Debate ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Katy's Debate ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online Katy's Debate Kim Vogel Sawyer

From Reader Review Katy's Debate for online ebook

Theresa says

Katy Lambright is a Mennonite teen who has graduated from her school and has received special permission from her church to attend "worldly" school. Katy is part of the school debate team, but since she was a late-comer, she is not part of the chosen team. She has learned many useful debating skills that she ends up using on her father, trying to convince him not to marry Mrs. Graber. She thinks her father is marrying her because Katy needs a mother and doesn't realize that he has other reasons. Katy's scheming is not the only worldly part she has picked up. She also has feelings for a non-Mennonite classmate that she's sure her father won't approve of, even though he is Christian. Katy's struggles between the "old" and "worldly" ways create some interesting problems for everyone.

Although this is book 2 of the Katy Lambright Series, it can easily be read as a stand-alone, but why would one want to? The first book "Katy's New World" is a great read as well!

I enjoyed this book, but at times found Katy to be much too angry, self-centered and whiny which frustrated me. There did not appear to be much of a time difference between book 1 and book 2, but Katy's attitude changed. She went from struggling with worldliness to there being not much mentioning about it at all. I either assume that Katy has accepted it all as fact and doesn't struggle much with it any more, or she is leaning more to the worldly side. She is attracted to a boy on her debate team, lies and schemes and uses main-stream phrases. Had I read this as a stand alone, I wouldn't have thought much about it, but reading it after book 1, I noticed the difference.

The storyline itself is good. A girl tries to scheme to get what she wants and finds that it is never as one plans. She has consequences she must face, and learns from her selfishness and mistakes. This is a great read for any teen through adult!

Jennifer Lavoie says

I love this series. Katy is such a fresh, innocent character who is so realistic. All of the things she faces and must decide upon are very real for some kids today. Even though she is Mennonite, I believe a lot of girls can relate to her because of the hard decisions she faces.

In this second book in the series, Katy joins the debate team and finds out her father is courting a woman. She is torn by this because she doesn't want a stepmother, which many children face today. She tries to find a way to sabotage their relationship because she doesn't want anything in her life to change, but she realizes in the end it isn't always about what she wants. I loved watching Katy come to her decision and seeing her develop as a character. The author's way of writing is so fluid that I felt as if Katy was a real girl in my classroom I was watching grown up.

I highly recommend this series to any girl who is struggling with changes in their life. Katy is a strong, inspirational character. Though she is older - I think 16 - the book is appropriate for younger readers because of the lack of language and inappropriate content. Another reason to adore these books.

Janna Ryan says

I love this YA series by Kim Sawyer that offers insight into a teenage Mennonite girl that enters a public high school. What I love even more is that my almost 14 year old daughter loves this series. It is giving her an eye opener into another culture and outside her usual social circles. In this book Katy is still a sweet girl whose world is turning upside down as her father decides she needs a mother and starts courting a nice lady. To Katy it doesn't matter how nice she is or isn't, her goal becomes proving to her dad that they don't need a woman around because she can handle it all herself. She gets a little underhanded at points, but does she really know what she wants? A great second book in the series by Kim Sawyer.

Laura says

Title: KATY'S DEBATE
Author: Kim Vogel Sawyer
Publisher: Zondervan
May 2010
ISBN: 978-0-310-71923-6
Genre: Inspirational/teen

Katy Lambright has joined the debate club in her public high school, and she's looking forward to her first debate. So far she's learned how to keep score, and now she's learning how to judge. Katy is keeping copious notes so she'll succeed when it's her turn.

Things are great, except that since Katy managed to get in trouble when she started attending public school, her dad and family believe that she needs a mother to keep her in line. So her dad has started courting a woman that Katy refuses to accept.

Katy must send this woman packing so she devises a plan to get her out of her life permanently. But who will she hurt in the process? Will Katy learn anything about life in this real-time debate?

KATY'S DEBATE is the second book in Ms. Sawyer's Katy Lambright Series, set in a Mennonite community near Salina, Kansas. Katy is unlearning most of the traits of the Mennonites in this book, getting what some homeschoolers would call "the public school influence." I didn't think very highly of Katy's actions in this book, she was quite hateful, disrespectful, and obnoxious at times. But she did learn a valuable lesson by the end of the book—not only about interfering in adult relationships, but also about her relationship with some of her peers.

If you are looking for a teen book (or series) for your teenager, then the Katy Lambright series would be a good set to pick up. Discussion questions are included at the end of the book. \$9.99. 206 pages.

Renee says

As a fan of young adult/teen fiction and Christian fiction I really like this series by Kim Vogel Sawyer. In the latest installment of the Katy Lambright series we once again meet up with the young Mennonite girl who is the first of her community to attend high school. What I like about it is the fact that not only do we learn

about a girl who is different from the crowd in her style of dress and culture but she is still a teen and going through what most of us as teenagers went through. She has to deal with fitting in, her first crush, and a potential stepmom. We even start to see a little bit of that teenage angst. Younger readers will definitely be able to relate to Katy and her desire to keep her close relationship with her dad and the development of her crush on a boy whom her family would not approve. Overall this is a nice story and would be a quick read. The only thing that I'm unsure of is this book is marketed as teen fiction when I think it would most likely appeal to middle school aged kids, not older teens. If you're looking for something for a young tween to read you might want to get her this series!

Special thanks to Krista Ocier of Zondervan for sending me a review copy.

Christy Lockstein says

Katy's Debate by Kim Vogel Sawyer is the second book in the Katy Lambricht series about a teenaged Mennonite girl attending a public high school. Katy has finally settled in at the school and is thrilled to be a part of the debate team. Her love of words brings her great success on the squad and in her writing class, but things at home aren't going so smoothly. She has always felt like she has to fight for her father's attention, so when he starts courting a widow from another county, she feels threatened by Mrs. Graber and decides to use her newly discovered debate skills to logically prove to her father why he doesn't need a new wife. But her faith makes her question whether it is right to be sneaky. She also learns a powerful lesson about friendship and when to remain silent as well as how to speak the truth in love. Sawyer has created a vibrant and intelligent heroine in Katy, who is just like any other teenage girl who worries about boys, fights with her parents, and questions her future, despite her bonnet and long dresses. I do wonder about her friendship with Annika; the reader only sees Annika's regular attacks on Katy without seeing them enjoy each other's company as well, so she comes across as self-righteous and untrustworthy. Katy is a delightful character whose growth and wit will carry several more books in this series.

Natalie says

I am really liking this series. The author does a great job illustrating Katy's reservations about her father remarrying. I found her a little immature at first, but she did grow and change as the book progressed and I love books that have character growth.

These are cute, fast reads, and I can't wait to read the next one!

Tracy Smith says

Her name is Katy Lambricht. She is smart and talented and has many new changes to try to figure through. See, Katy is a Mennonite teen, growing up with a single father on a dairy farm, who has been given the opportunity to attend regular high school. While there, she has been allowed to join the debate team, meet and make new friends, and possibly become an accomplished writer. These changes, along with personal ones at home, are creating a real challenge for her. Follow her story as she muddles through and eventually places her faith in God's hands to figure out what is right and good.

This was a good, short book of Amish fiction. At first I didn't really think what this story may be about, but

Early High School Teens- Three Stars (and a half)

Older High School Teens- Three Stars

My personal Rating- Three Stars

I really felt bad for Katy in this book. I could understand where she was coming from, but it didn't make her "wrong thoughts/moments" less painful to read. (Second hand embarrassment from a character and all that. ;)
)

Link to review:

<https://booksforchristiangirls.blogspot...>

*BFCG may (Read the review to see) recommend this book by this author. It does not mean I recommend all the books by this author.

Balletprincess says

Katy learns that she loves debate and public speaking as well as being part of a group. She also struggles with jealousy when her dad begins courting. She learns the importance of thinking of others and not just yourself.

Susan Hollaway says

Review by Susan's teenaged daughter.

Just as life settles down and Katy joins the debate team, her world gets turned upside down. Can Katy balance life, school, and family troubles?

MORE ABOUT THE BOOK:

Katy's life at school gets interesting as she joins the debate team. She believes that if only she would be given the chance to compete, she can be as good as anyone on the team. But when her big chance finally arrives, can she do as well as she has dreamed or will her nerves get in the way?

At home, life becomes complicated when Katy's dad starts courting a woman. Katy feels she's old enough to handle her own household. More importantly, she doesn't need a new mother. She believes she and her dad are doing just fine on their own, and she schemes to send the woman packing. Despite the fact that everyone, including her best friend, believes that her dad's courtship is a good thing, Katy does her best to convince him he doesn't need a wife. Her worst nightmare comes true when the woman accepts her father's proposal. Is it too late to convince him to her way of thinking? Katy refuses to give up her efforts to curtail his future marriage.

Meanwhile, Katy is dealing with her growing feelings for a boy at school that she knows her father will never accept. Can Katy balance school and the Mennonite life she has grown up in? Will she destroy the relationships of those she loves?

This is the second book in the Katy Lambright Series. I really enjoyed it and I look forward to the next book

in this series, Katy's Homecoming, releasing in February 2011!

Julie says

Review coming on Monday, August 1 to

Cafelilybookreviews says

Katy's Debate is Book Two in the Katy Lambright Series from Kim Vogel Sawyer. This was the first teen fiction book I've read of Kim's and I thought it was well written. As an Amish (plain people) fiction enthusiast, I respect that Kim stayed true to the Amish lifestyle but also added in some non-Amish aspects such as the public school Katy attends.

I think that this story is very relevant to many teens today because it revolves around Katy's stress over her father possibly marrying again. Katy doesn't want a stepmother and is jealous of the attention that her father is paying to Rosemary. She feels her temper flaring every time Rosemary comes for dinner and can hardly stand to see them courting. Katy does everything possible to keep the marriage from happening and strains the relationship she has with her father. As she's determined to keep her father from remarrying, she's also struggling with feelings of attraction to a boy that her father will never approve of. Katy appears to be overcome by emotions she has never faced before and as a reader I found myself hoping she would make the right decisions.

Mary Jo says

Clean, fun and emotional. I liked the story.
