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From Reader Review Made with Love for online ebook

Maureen Timerman says

Made with love is a very appropriate title for this book, everyone in the family seems to do something or more because they love.

This story focuses on the oldest daughter in the family named Lovenia, or called Love by her family, and sisters Faith, Hope and Joy. Sweet huh? Lovenia's dream for years now has been to open a pie shop, she has saved her money long before her family moved and resettles in Pinecraft Florida. She has collected recipes and pictures out of magazines, it is her hearts desire, and she feels God pointing her and his placing the right building and people in her life, at the right time. There is even a young carpenter who just happens to be at the building when she is looking at it, he grabs her ideas and begins helping her fulfill her dreams.

Soon you have a feeling that Noah, the carpenter, has his eyes on Lovenia, and you will love how he grasps her dream, in so many ways to help make it happen. He is also holding on to secrets that have haunted him for years. Will these two be able to form a relationship; will past actions spoil things for them? Will the pie shop finally open and become a reality?

I for one wanted to be in the shop and help and live among these people, you won't regret picking this one up.

PS You will be copying and saving delicious recipes here, can't wait to try them.

I received this book through Net Galley and the Publisher Harvest House, and was not required to give a positive review.

Cheryl Baranski says

Delightfully funny! Made with Love, By: Tricia Goyer and Sherry Gore

I absolutely loved reading this book! I laughed, my way through this book. Such a refreshing take on Amish fiction. Characters that are headstrong and others that are trying to make amends. There are characters that will sure to delight you and capture your heart. These wonderful characters that will sure capture your attention as they did mine. Others that make you want to slap them. There was never a dull moment in this wonderful story. The description of things that would make you feel as though you were there. I could practically taste the wonderful recipes throughout this story.

Jeanette says

I so enjoyed reading this book. I will read more of this series. I liked the characters and story.

Rachel Brand says

Not knowing a lot about the Pinecraft Amish community, I wasn't entirely sure what I was getting myself in for with Made with Love. I've read a lot of Amish novels over the past few years, and after a while I do find that some of the standard romances feel a bit too similar. If you're going to write a typical romance set in an Amish community (without chucking in an extreme element like murder or vampires), it still needs to have

something fresh or new to make it stand out. Made with Love definitely had some original aspects to it, the setting being one of them.

For those readers who don't know a lot about Pinecraft, it's primarily a holiday community, which means it's missing a lot of the elements commonly found in Amish fiction. Lovina's family feels a bit lost in this new location, with no farm to look after or buggies to drive. The town is filled with retirees and holiday makers (mostly Amish), which means that most of the local businesses cater to tourists. While back home Lovina and her sisters might stay close to the family farm, they've all found jobs in Pinecraft—and travel to these jobs by bike! If you're more familiar with the Pinecraft setting this information might not be all that interesting, but I enjoyed learning about a different community, especially one that's more liberal and accepting of modern conveniences. Lovina's family has air conditioning and electric lighting, and her sister uses social media to advertise the pie shop. It felt a little strange to begin with, but it was interesting to learn that not all Amish communities have the same restrictions.

Lovina's mother doesn't adjust to these changes as easily as her daughters, and she's uneasy about Lovina's desire to open a pie shop. I enjoyed reading the letters between her and her close friend back home, detailing her struggle to accept some of the more liberal aspects of their new district, and her worry that her daughters wouldn't find husbands because they were too busy working. I'm sure there are a lot of parents—Amish or not—who find it difficult to see their children embracing things that just weren't a possibility when they were children. Lovina's mother is by no means the villain of the story, and while I rarely agreed with her decisions, I understood the motivations behind them. I'm sure a lot of parents of adult children will be able to relate to her dilemmas.

While I'm not a big fan of decorating or cleaning, I enjoyed the details about Lovina and Noah setting up the pie shop, particularly seeing how Lovina's dream transferred from the pages of her scrapbook to real life. There was something satisfying about seeing her live out something she'd longed for for so long. Likewise, it was intriguing to learn about Noah's salvage work, a career path I'd never really thought about before.

As much as I enjoyed learning about Pinecraft and the work it takes to get a business off the ground, the aspect of the story that I really found lacking was actually the romance between Lovina and Noah. In between disagreements with Lovina's parents and decorating the pie shop, our hero and heroine don't actually spend that much time together. They go on a couple of dates, but most of their time is spent working on the pie shop. In all honesty, I think their relationship is pretty normal—they get to know each other while working on a project and eventually fall in love. But normal romances aren't actually the most interesting to read about, and since there weren't any real stumbling blocks in the way of Lovina and Noah's relationship, there wasn't any real suspense or worry that they wouldn't make things work out.

The main “conflict” between Lovina and Noah is that he has a secret from his past that he's not told her about. Lovina knows this because her parents have heard rumours and warned her about Noah. She doesn't prod him, and eventually he opens up and tells her the truth. As realistic and healthy as this is...it wasn't all that dramatic or interesting to read about. Isn't it kind of funny that I hate drama in real life relationships, but I want more in my romance novels? The romance isn't bad, I just never had any doubt that Lovina and Noah would get together! Give me conflict, please!

While the romance in this novel isn't amazing, I did really enjoy Lovina's character development. Even when reading an Amish novel, I like my female characters to be strong and assertive—but that doesn't mean they shouldn't have any flaws. All throughout the novel, Lovina is determined to strive towards her goal of opening a pie shop, and her confidence in this endeavour never seems to waver. She's pretty headstrong and stubborn for an Amish woman. It's not until towards the end of the novel that we see the flaws she's been hiding. I don't want to spoil anything for potential readers, but there's a really beautiful scene towards the end of the novel where Lovina realises that she's been clinging to lies that were said over her as a young girl, and that she's been allowing these lies to motivate her actions, rather than relying on God. Since I know that

I've been guilty of exactly the same mistakes, this scene really spoke to me.

Made with Love isn't the strongest Amish novel I've read this year, but it has some really original elements, and a very relatable heroine. I think I'm probably intrigued enough to pick up the next volume in the series in March 2016 in order to find out what happens to the rest of Lovina's sisters.

Review title provided by Harvest House.

Rhonda says

yummy! delicious! pies, pies, and more pies appear in this book and recipes for many delightful dishes that Lovina Miller loves to make. Lovina truly loves making pies for people and serving them with love. She feels that it is a true calling from God that she opens her own pie shop. She plans for it to be a place for folks to gather and enjoy pie and coffee or their favorite beverage as they depart from the buses coming in with Amish and Mennonites for the winter. For Pinecraft, Florida, has warm weather year round and the doctor ordered just that for Lovina's dad to help with the severe pain from his rheumatoid arthritis. Lovina finds the perfect building for her shop and her dad is planning to help her make her dream come true but her mem is concerned about the young Amish contractor who wants to help Lovina bring her dream to life. Mem has heard rumors about Noah Yoder. She does not want him with Lovina! She sets Lovina up with the promising young Thomas instead. But God may just have other plans for Lovina's life. Mem is determined to find husbands for each of her five daughters. She is certain that is her duty as a good Amish mother.

This book is filled with surprises, both good and bad ones. I immediately took a liking to Lovina and Noah. I was rooting for them to develop more than the concept of the perfect pie shop. But her mem was equally determined to ruin those chances. Lovina's sweet and talented sisters are all more than willing to help her in achieving her dream. I am excited to find that this is book one in a series so that I can continue to follow the lives of the Miller daughters. Readers will enjoy trying the wonderful recipes included in the book as well. I know that I am dying to make some of them to share with my family and friends.

I rate this book 5 stars and highly recommend it to readers of Amish and Christian fiction.

I received a kindle version of this book from netgalley in exchange for my honest review.

Lindsey (Books for Christian Girls) says

About this book:

"A Dash of Love, a Pinch of Hope, and a Whole Lot of Good Cooking Lovina Miller should be thrilled. Pinecraft, Florida, has everything a young Amish woman could ask for: sun, sand, volleyball games, and evening singings in the park. But Pinecraft lacks the one thing Lovina desperately wants--a pie shop of her own. She longs for a place to gather with the community and serve the treat she loves.

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Series: Book #1 in the "Pinecraft Pie Shop" series.

Spiritual Content- Scriptures are mentioned & quoted; Many Prayers; Many, many Talks about God, His

C.K. says

Made with Love is a nice Amish story. Mostly, the story focuses on Lovina Miller and Noah Yoder. Lovina is the eldest of five daughters. The Millers are an Amish family that has been living in Pinecraft, Florida for five months. The Millers lived in Ohio but due to the father's poor health they decided to move. The doctor said that the warmer weather would do Lovina's father some good. In the book, Pinecraft is a popular vacation spot for Amish and Mennonite families. Also, Pinecraft is a little more modern than a lot of other Amish communities. They are not as strict with the rules.

Pinecraft proves to be good for Mr. Miller's health. However, Mrs. Miller fears that there are not many eligible bachelors for her daughters. None of the daughters are married. Lovina is twenty-five. Lovina doesn't really pay much attention to guys. Lovina's mother says that, "Lovina always has her head in the clouds." Lovina's lifelong dream has been to open a pie shop so she devotes most of her time to her craft. Lovina gave up on the hope of getting married a long time ago. She doesn't feel as pretty as her sisters. When Lovina was younger an Aunt made some insensitive remarks that stuck with Lovina and did some damage to her self-esteem. The one thing Lovina feels that she is good at is making pies. It doesn't help that some of her siblings and her mother put doubts in her head about dream.

One day Lovina is out looking for a location for her pie shop and she finds a warehouse that is the perfect spot. The warehouse happens to be behind Noah Yoder's Uncle Roy's house. Noah recently moved to Pinecraft in hopes of a fresh start. Noah moved with his younger wayward relative Mose and his friends. Normally, I am not a stickler for typos but at first it says that Mose is Noah's younger cousin. Then, later in the story it mentions several times that Mose is Noah's nephew. Back to the story, when Noah was a teenager he went through a reckless phase. He ended up doing some major damage and paid for it. (view spoiler) Noah's misdeeds spread throughout his Amish community and to other Amish communities. Noah sees his cousin Mose and Mose's two friends Atlee and Gerald heading down a similar path. Things are not going well for Noah at the start of the story. Noah does carpentry/construction work but no one wants to hire him because of the teen boys. The teen boys are a part of his work crew. I think it's understandable that people wouldn't want the young men working for them when they are always pulling ridiculous pranks. I got annoyed with all their pranks. They weren't funny; some of those pranks were downright dangerous. It said that they were teens but Mose was twenty-one. I don't consider a twenty-one year old a teenager. I don't know if it is in the Amish community. The guys didn't mean any harm but they did some dumb stuff.

Lovina coming upon the warehouse behind Noah's uncle's house seems like fate. Lovina has some money saved to by the warehouse. Unfortunately, there is a lot of remodeling to be done and she doesn't have the money. There are also a lot of old objects in the place that to most people would think have no value. The saying goes, "One man's trash is another man's treasure." Noah does do some business with a salvage yard. Also, he repurposes and resells items. The warehouse is a treasure trove for him. Noah proposes an offer to Lovina that is mutually beneficial. Noah and his crew will work for her for free if she will let him have the objects in the warehouse that are not useful to her. Also, Noah sees a kindred spirit in Lovina and is attracted to her. Lovina takes a big risk and accepts Noah's deal. They do run into problems. Lovina's mother does not approve of her working with Noah. Mrs. Miller heard about his past so Noah is the last man that she would want Lovina to marry.

A lot of the story is them working on the pie shop. Lovina wants the shop to bring people together and building the shop does bring people together. Lovina forms a closer relationship with her family and Noah. Noah has to learn to let the past be and not be so hard on himself. Noah and Lovina do fall in love. The characters learn a lot of lessons in the book.

Overall, I liked the story. I think the book cover is cute. I like that the title could have more than one meaning. Lovina's nickname is "Love". I think the name of the pie shop is really cute. Lovina names the

shop, "Me, Myself, and Pie." There were a lot of Amish recipes included in the book which I thought was a nice touch. I feel that a lot of effort was put into the book. I thought it was sweet that Lovina and Noah's love story was a little more old fashioned. They took things slow (maybe a little too slow at times but that is ok). Noah was a perfect gentleman and it was a nice change that the guy wasn't a manwhore. However, I wish there would have been a little more of them as a couple in the book.

I didn't like that there was another suitor in the book. As soon as Thomas Chupp entered the picture, I said here we go with the dreaded "love triangle". Thankfully, there wasn't really much of a love triangle in the story. Lovina only goes on one date with Thomas and she didn't really even want to go on the date in the first place. She just didn't think he would give up so she said yes. It annoyed me that Lovina's mom kept trying to play matchmaker with Lovina and Thomas. I hate when people try to shove people onto people. I get that her mom meant well but it still annoyed me. Also, I felt that the story could have been a little bit shorter. The story was slow paced so at times it did seem to drag on a little like with some of the mom's letters to her friend. I was wondering what happened to Noah's one aunt. Noah said that his Aunt Karen was an outsider and he identified with her but she wasn't in the story. I don't recall it mentioning anything about her dying?

It looks like the book will be a part of a series. I would like to see Lovina's sisters get books. I think it would be nice if some of Lovina's sisters end up with the wayward teens, Mose, Atlee, and Gerald. Lovina's sister Faith seemed interested in Mose (Then again it seemed that Faith was interested in every other young guy she met). It will be nice to revisit Pinecraft and the characters in the next book.

This ARC was courtesy of NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Laura says

A sweet romance that is sure to appeal to most Amish fans. Noah had made some mistakes as a youth, and he is trying to make restitution by rehabilitating other troubled youth from his community in Illinois. He's moved them all to Pinecraft, Florida, but that isn't far enough away to escape his "bad name" because no one will hire him or his motley crew.

Lovina believes she'll never marry, so she pours her life into her dream, pies. She finds a building that would work, things fall into place, and Noah is hired to remodel. But things go wrong. Will Lovina end up with a pie shop or pie in her eye? And as for romance? With everyone against Noah and no money coming in, how can he even possibly consider taking on a wife?

There are a lot of delicious sounding recipes included, not all for pie, and a romance that will keep pages turning. Predictable at times, spellbinding at others. Don't miss this first book of Ms. Goyer's and Ms. Gore's co-writing. Seemlessly done, but fans of Ms. Goyer will know what she wrote, co-wrote, and didn't touch.

Shirley Chapel says

Loving wants nothing more than to open her own pie shop. After her family's move to Pinecraft Florida, she searches for the perfect place to become available for her shop. Noah Yoder is trying desperately to put his past behind him. He moves to Pinecraft hoping for a fresh start,

but no one wants to give him the opportunity or chance to prove that he has changed.

John, Lovina's Dad, has serious health issues. His doctor advised him to leave Ohio and move to a warmer climate. Ann, Lovina's mother, would like nothing better than to see her daughters married. Truthfully, there aren't many bachelors in Pinecraft. John decides to help Lovena buy a place that can be turned into a pie shop. She asks Noah to help her fix the shop up and make it ready to open for business in time for the tourist season.

Ann doesn't trust Noah because of his past and is concerned that Lovena might fall in love with him. She constantly tried to pair her daughter up with another Amish man visiting the area. She tried to talk Lovena out of opening her pie shop. Frankly I found myself wanting to turn Ann over my knee. Near the end of the book readers will find a sudden and unexpected twist in the story that will cause them to turn the pages in total disbelief.

I loved that John was willing to invest almost everything he had in order to help his daughter realise her dreams. I loved that Lovena didn't let her mother talk her out of her dreams or cave in to her mother's wishes for her. The authors Tricia Goyer and Sherry Gore have woven recipes throughout the book. I plan to try a few of them myself, especially the Pineapple Pie. All readers of Amish Fiction will love the first book of The Pinecraft Pie Shop series.

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Tina Watson says

Made with Love is a fictional Amish story with recipes at the end of each chapter. It is one that you will not want to miss out on this year in reading.

Have you ever had a dream? Have you ever had a passion to do something you truly love?
Was that dream and passion to own your own business?

Well, let's meet Lovina Miller, a twenty-five year old, Amish woman, who's family had to relocate from Walnut Creek, Ohio to Pinecraft, Florida. Cause no matter what state Lovina was living in, she has always had a dream to make, bake, and sale pies! Will she find a location in Pinecraft?

Anna Miller is a mother of five daughters and all of age to marry, but none of them are even courting. It's an Amish mother's dream to see their daughter(s) married in a timely manner and not have them categorized as old maids.

Anna has taken upon herself to know all about the available bachelors that are in Pinecraft and maybe some of their history. There is one bachelor in particular that Anna does not want to see any of daughters socializing with not alone courting period. Can she look passed his history and look at him for who is today?

Noah Yoder got himself in trouble in Arcola, Illinois, five years ago, but paid restitution for what he did. Noah grow-up around an auction yard that his dad ran. Now is into construction while keeping his eyes out for vintage pieces that can be salvaged and re-used.

He is also a mentor of three teenage boys, who like him have gotten themselves into some trouble themselves, with the Judges permission Noah was allowed to take them with him to Pinecraft, Florida. Noah wants to try to turn their lives around, before they really do something that they will regret.

Can he get these boys to understand their actions have consequences? That there is a time to have fun and a time to be serious?

Can Noah get the community to give second chances?

Made with Love is a fictional Amish story with recipes at the end of each chapter. It is one that you will not want to miss out on this year in reading. I look forward to reading more from this series in the future.

I received a copy of this book through NetGalley. This is my own words to make up my honest review and no money was exchanged.

Jalynn Patterson says

About the Book:

How many Amish women does it take to open a bakery in Pinecraft, Florida? Four...plus a construction crew made up of troublesome rumspringa teenagers and a handsome Amish bachelor. Serving up traditional Amish food to Florida-sun-kissed tourists provides plenty of surprising situations for the three sisters and their mother--not to mention love and good cooking--in this series from popular Amish writers Tricia Goyer and Sherry Gore.

In the first installment of the The Pinecraft Pie Shop series, Lovina Miller has two things on her mind: to open her own pie shop...and to find husbands for her daughters! As the head of the construction crew steps forward to help fulfill her dream, she wonders if he might also be the one who ruins it.

Readers who enjoy Amish novels will love this authentic series by bestselling novelist Tricia Goyer and Amish-Mennonite author Sherry Gore.

My Review:

Tricia Goyer and Sherry Gore have partnered together to bring us some nicely baked goodness straight from Pinecraft, Florida. Lovina figures that she has finally got it all together, the finishing touches on her pie shop are being added now all she needs to do is find a suitable husband. Her choices seem very limited though in that department. This was her mothers wish for her but she is more concerned with her latest venture to worry about that now.

Lovina meets Noah but will sparks fly automatically or will it take a little while for the two of them to grow on each other?

The authors took a beautiful seeming simple story line and reallly brought it to life with some really rich characters. This book is a winner!

This book is such a treat and perfect for book lovers that also love to bake. The Grape Jelly Bars are to die for. The authors took a perfect sweet romance and added some yummy recipes. I love this book and it makes a really great gift.

****Disclosure**** This book was sent to me free of charge for my honest review from Harvest House.

Barbara Thompson says

Made with Love is a fantastic book. There's so much more to this book than an Amish fiction romance. I love the Amish Proverbs at the beginning and the recipes at the end of the chapters. Authors Tricia Goyer and Sherry Gore made a great team in writing this book and not only did they write a fiction book, they gave

profound wisdom of how we treat people, forgiveness and taking a leap of faith. This story was about Lovina and her talent of baking pies, but each character has their own unique style and talent. Hopefully, there will be a Book Two. I love and enjoyed reading Made with Love by Authors Tricia Goyer and Sherry Gore. I highly recommend reading this book.

I received a complimentary copy from the publisher through NetGalley in exchange for my honest review. This review is one hundred percent my opinion.

Debi Lantzer says

Just last week I read The Plain Choice, a book by Sherry Gore about her life and how she changed her life and became an Amish-Mennonite. It was a very interesting read, but as I was reading it, I kept thinking I recognized her name and then I realized I had already received a book co-authored by her and it was sitting in my reading queue" to read. Made with Love by Tricia Goyer and Sherry Gore is the first in The Pinecraft Pie Shop Series.

I love the simple romance between the two main characters. This story is told in alternating points of view to tell the story of Lovina and her dream of opening a pie shop. I think the name of the pie shop is really cute. Lovina names the shop, "Me, Myself, and Pie."

Pinecraft, Florida is an Amish community where many of the northern Amish families vacation and where some Amish call home year round. In the first installment this Pinecraft Pie Shop Series, Lovina Miller and Noah Yoder are the two main characters. She is dreaming of opening a pie shop and he steps forward to help fulfill her dream, she wonders if he might also be the one who ruins it.

I love the simple romance between the two main characters. Both Lovina Miller and Noah Yoder are well developed characters and the authors show many layers to each of their personalities. Lovina seemed to be a very simple and easy to understand woman at the beginning, but later in the book we learn about old memories that hurt and wounded her many years ago that continue to affect her daily life. When Noah is introduced into the story, a glimpse of his past is shown along with the baggage that he carries from it, and then even more details about it are revealed throughout the story.

At the start of each chapter, there was a proverb to ponder. It was a great moment to sit and reflect before moving on with the story. At the end of most chapters there's a recipe - extra bonus there! You can't go wrong getting this book, from the sweet story to the added bonus of delicious recipes this book is a winner!

Authors Tricia Goyer and Sherry Gore made a great team in writing this book and these two gifted authors work so well together. They not only wrote a fiction book, but they gave profound wisdom of how we treat people, forgiveness and taking a leap of faith. I love how the topics of second chances, God's love and acceptance and trusting God were explored in this book as Lovina, Noah and others learned more about God. This story was about Lovina and her talent of baking pies, but each character has their own unique style and God given talent.

Thank you so much NetGalley for providing me with a digital copy of this book in exchange for my honest review and unbiased opinion.

Lynne Young says

What a book! Actually it was more like 3 books in one. There was a wonderful story told in rich Tricia Goyer style with a lot of Sherry Gore's Pinecraft home thrown in. I felt like I was actually in Pinecraft, FL because of all the descriptions of the area and the people. I was rooting for Lovina the whole way and loved the ending.

Along with the story came an Amish proverb at the beginning of each chapter and the recipes - oh my! I want to make them all. Like I said, this book is like 3 in 1. Well worth the purchase. I cannot wait to read the next one! These two gifted authors work so well together I hope they continue collaborating for a long time.

I was given a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Freda Mans-Labianca says

Lovely!

I love culinary fiction. Is it even a genre? If it isn't, it should be. Books that are untrue and have recipes. My kind of book. I love to cook and try new things I haven't had before. Plus you get a story, and in this case, a super sweet romance. That's a win-win situation if you ask me.

Sometimes people can have a hard time with trust. That is the major lesson in this story. Sometimes you just need to put your faith and trust in God and know everything will work out.

At the start of each chapter, there was a proverb to ponder. It was a great moment to sit and reflect before moving on with the story. Very moving indeed.

Normally I would have done a recipe or two from the book, and I do have the Morning Glory Muffins, as well as the Carrot Cake, marked for baking, but have not had the time to bake. I can't wait to try the muffins though. They sound heavenly!

Amazing story, great team work from both authors. I hope we get more from them!!
