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The Secret Keeper: Home To Hickory Hollow, Book 4



Synopsis

Listeners eagerly await the latest from Beverly Lewis, the #1 name in Amish Fiction. With her love for all things old-fashioned, Jennifer Burns has often been told that she's an "old soul," but no one is prepared for the young woman's decision to set aside her modern life in favor of the Old Order Amish world. Yet Jenny does exactly that, adopting Plain dress and settling in with Samuel and Rebecca Lapp while she works as a mother's helper for the bishop's wife - a far cry from her former job as an x-ray technician. The people of Hickory Hollow are curious about the beautiful young seeker among them, one handsome Amish man in particular. But he is not the only man vying for Jenny's affections, and Jenny faces many challenges in the Proving time the brethren have set for her...challenges of the heart, as well as the spirit. Will Jenny's secrets keep her from the peace she longs for? Or will they lead the way home?

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Customer Reviews

I very much enjoyed this book. The whole series was wonderful. I thank Beverly Lewis for the inspiration she provides. "The Secret Keeper" was especially a special read for me. We often get so caught up in this world. Jenny had the right idea in going into the "plain life." To focus on the things of God and His will for our lives should be our focus. I admire the Amish people for their minimalistic life style. Thank you Mrs. Lewis for a wonderful thought provoking book. I look forward to more to come.

This is the 4th Hickory Hollow novel by Beverly Lewis and it was like returning to see old friends and how they are doing. I think all of us who have read this series or other Amish books have wondered what it would be like to actually BE Amish, and "Secret Keeper" helps us experience it. Imagine that you've always felt that you are an old soul in the new world. Imagine that you've been friends with an Amish woman for many years. You've told her what you want to do, and she's researched it and has everything set up. All you need to do is rid yourself of your worldly goods, bid goodbye to your parents, and head for beautiful Hickory Hollow. This is mostly what Jenny does. What happens to Jenny as she continues to follow her dream, and begins to be a part of the Amish families in Hickory Hollow blends with the fabric of the other Hickory Hollow books. It isn't until she is faced with a secret that began many years ago that she questions if her dreams will ever come true. I won't say anything else because you need to read it for yourself - even if you figure out what might happen! There are always little twists and turns that the authors use in this series - and while you don't have to read them sequentially, I think you'd enjoy it much more as you see how all the relationships develop. I've loved the books on Hickory Hollow - even without TV's "Amish Mafia" - and I think you'll enjoy it too. I also hope to hear more of Hickory Hollow...

I liked the book but I was surprised when she left the plain life and only needed her father to approve to go back. It was kind of hard to believe her biological mother taught her to make bread.

I really enjoyed this book and finished it fast. I'm a big fan of Beverly Lewis. I always day dreamed about what it would be like to be Amish. This book gives a great description of what it would be like if you were an outsider trying to join the Amish church. I felt like I was living through the character Jenny. I loved how the character Katie Lapp says you don't have to be Amish to live a simple life. There were so many profound quotes that stuck to my heart. I felt the emotions and could relate to the characters. I love when a good book can draw you in like that. I love the Hickory Hollow series and how it's all intertwined. I would recommend this book to anyone who always daydreamed what it would be like to be Amish. After reading I felt very peaceful and happy. I don't know how many books besides the Bible that can make you feel peaceful after reading!

The stories of the Amish are of a gentle people and a life most of us cannot imagine. Beverly Lewis grew up in Lancaster County. Anyone from that area can follow the places she goes and understand the people she writes about. The story of the Amish has become quite popular. Some of these writers of these people can do their research but you can tell they never lived there or knew it's

people.

You can't go wrong with an Amish book by Beverly Lewis and this one was wonderful. Her books are the kind of books that make you want to get a cup of your favorite beverage, a snack and settle down for a good long read. I am a true fan of Amish fiction and this one keeps the standard high. The subject of the book is an English girl who wants to be Amish and her struggles to accomplish that. I felt like this is a situation that happens in real life occasionally, and so I enjoyed reading what this character went through in her attempt to change her life. The other side of the coin were the Amish girls struggling with the rules of being Amish. An excellent read and one I would highly recommend to all the readers of Amish fiction.

I have a ALL of Beverly Lewis' books and true to form, she writes with descriptive language that puts you right in the scene. I should be Amish by now but I am too big of a shopper so I live my Amish life through these stories:) Her stories are so much better than the others to try to write about the Amish. I have done a lot of research and been to Amish country. Beverly Lewis has lived there and has Amish heritage. She knows so much more first hand. What I love is that she opens the eyes of the unbelievers in her story and at the same time speaks to the reader. I have shared these books with many friends and in some way I feel that I am sharing God too.

I love/hate her books. I can't stop reading once I get into the book. She's the best.

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