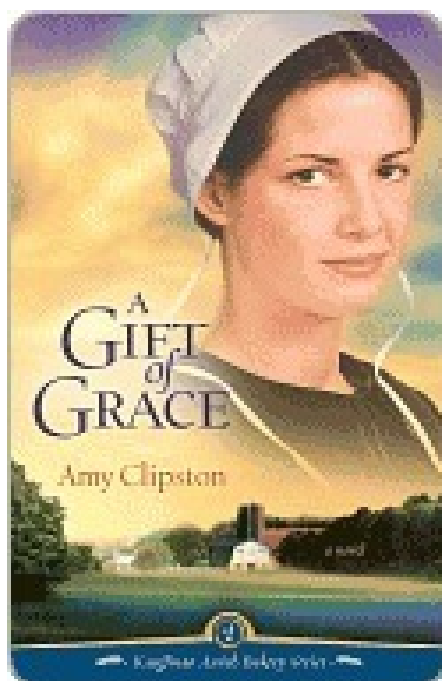




A Gift of Grace

Amy Clipston

[Download now](#)

[Read Online](#) ➔

A Gift of Grace

Amy Clipston

A Gift of Grace Amy Clipston

Take a trip to Bird-in-Hand, Pennsylvania, where you'll meet the women of the Kauffman Amish Bakery in Lancaster County. As each woman's story unfolds, you will share in her heartaches, trials, joys, dreams ... and secrets. You'll discover how the simplicity of the Amish lifestyle can clash with the "English" way of life—and the decisions and consequences that follow. Most importantly, you will be encouraged by the hope and faith of these women, and the importance they place on their families.

Rebecca Kauffman's tranquil Old Order Amish life is transformed when she suddenly has custody of her two teenage nieces after her "English" sister and brother-in-law are killed in an automobile accident. Instant motherhood, after years of unsuccessful attempts to conceive a child of her own, is both a joy and a heartache. Rebecca struggles to give the teenage girls the guidance they need as well as fulfill her duties to Daniel as an Amish wife. Rebellious Jessica is resistant to Amish ways and constantly in trouble with the community. Younger sister Lindsay is caught in the middle, and the strain between Rebecca and Daniel mounts as Jessica's rebellion escalates. Instead of the beautiful family life she dreamed of creating for her nieces, Rebecca feels as if her world is being torn apart by two different cultures, leaving her to question her place in the Amish community, her marriage, and her faith in God.

A Gift of Grace Details

Date : Published (first published March 20th 2009)

ISBN :

Author : Amy Clipston

Format : Kindle Edition 337 pages

Genre : Amish, Christian Fiction, Fiction, Amish Fiction, Romance, Christian

 [Download A Gift of Grace ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online A Gift of Grace ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online A Gift of Grace Amy Clipston

From Reader Review A Gift of Grace for online ebook

Camille says

A Gift of Grace by Amy Clipston

This book is the first book in Amy Clipston's series, Kauffman Amish Bakery Series.

I have been hearing about this series for quite a while and have heard only the most positive things so I thought it was about time I take a dive into the series myself.

I have to admit, I was not disappointed!

In A Gift of Grace, Rebecca Kauffman has been trying to be a mother for years, with no success. Perhaps God just does not have it in His plans for her, or so she thinks. But when tragedy strikes, Rebecca finds herself suddenly to be a mother.

Rebecca's sisters, who chose to leave the Amish, with whom she has slowly lost contact and had not seen for years, is killed in a horrible car accident along with her English husband. Their two young daughters, therefore, are orphaned, and in the will Rebecca is named their guardian.

Rebecca now has two teenage girls under her roof, girls who are heartbroken and devastated by the loss of their parents, and have anger over being forced to move to Amish country where everything is so different.

All Rebecca wants is to be a good mother. Jessica is particularly resistant, and as Lindsay begins to find herself more comfortable with Amish life, she gets caught in the middle between Jessica and Lindsay. Eventually, the strained relationships cause Rebecca to no longer be on speaking terms with her own husband.

God has sent her these two girls, so how can it be so hard? She was meant to be their mother, right? Rebecca finds herself questioning everything, and hate beginning to build in her heart.

Will Rebecca be able to save her own heart? Will she be able to be the Amish wife and mother she so longs to be? Will Jessica be able to overcome her grief, and adjust to the Amish ways of life? And what of the younger Lindsay who wants to belong with the Amish, but is forced by Jessica to be caught in the middle?

Read A Gift of Grace to find out!

Having never experienced such devastating loss, I cannot even begin to imagine how miserable it might be to lose both your parents in a sudden car crash. And then to be uprooted from a modern world with electricity and pushed into the Amish world with everything feeling foreign and unfamiliar? It would be shocking to even the most resilient of children...

This story, I believe, accurately shows the way a child might react to such pressures and strains. But a lot of the beauty of the story is learning how to listen to God. Rebecca is so sure she is meant to be a mother when she gets these girls in the will, but is she truly listening to God's plan? Or is her own selfish desire to be a mom overpowering her hearing?

I empathize with her, as wanting to be a mother and then being unable would be heartbreaking, and her faith

wavering is understandable with all she goes through.

I think it's a beautiful, touching and enjoyable story that can teach us all to truly listen to God and put aside our own wishes.

4.5 out of 5 stars.

Kav says

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
Romans 12:12

That's the refrain that echoes through this story as Rebecca clings to this scripture in the midst of her suddenly turbulent life. It was hard losing her sister to the English world years ago but harder still to lose her sister through death. And that results in a sudden ready-made family since her sister has appointed Rebecca guardian of Jessica and Lindsay. Talk about culture shock! Living an Amish lifestyle is a difficult transition for the teens -- especially outspoken Jessica.

Clipston explores the complication of living in relationship - within family, community and even with God. It's gut-wrenching and infuriating and even heartbreaking at times. But the rewards of living in relationship far outweigh the difficult challenges...if she can just get the balance right. A compelling emotional story that celebrates the joy...and trials...of living in relationship.

Natalie says

3.5 stars.

I didn't like this one as much as the Amish Heirloom series, I think because Rebecca and Daniel were already married and I missed seeing their courtship.

This one had more conflict between the English and Amish ways of life. I felt bad for Jessica and Lindsay and I wish the book had went into more detail about how they dealt with the grieving process.

I think it's a good sign that I didn't like this as well as the Amish Heirloom series because the author wrote this series first and I can definitely see improvements in both her writing and storytelling.

Sara says

[As a woman who has struggled with infertility, it was surprising (and a little refreshing) to discover a book with an Amish woman who is also infertile - who has been told by a doctor that she can never naturally conceive. And

Laura Jean says

FULL DISCLOSURE: Amish romance is generally not my thing. I'm reading this for work. What I like about Amish romance usually is learning about the culture. I also truly did enjoy the plot of this novel. Becoming the guardian of two teenage nieces whom you've never met must be difficult under the best of circumstances. I can't even imagine how difficult it is when there is a major cultural difference too. I think the author did a lovely job of describing the various points of view. As a feminist and as a more spiritual rather than religious person.....there were times I seriously wanted to throat punch characters in this book. I am all for respecting the culture of the people with whom I live. However, if a 16 year old girl, WANTS to continue her education, she should be allowed to, even if her guardian doesn't believe in it. I was also proud of Rebecca for standing up to her husband Daniel, however, this was seen as stubborn and selfish behavior. This was not enjoyable for me to read. Finally, although I know that often women will become pregnant after trying for YEARS. It's a little TOO convenient that Rebecca winds up pregnant...a little too pat.

Sydney Elaine says

I can't really describe my feelings for this book.

I originally enjoyed it about a year and a half ago (Jan 2013) but now rereading it, I realized that while I still do like it, I also noticed some things I didn't like.

I do like the plot, in a way. The girls parents died in an accident and now have to live with their Amish aunt and uncle and learn how to adjust some to their strong Christian values and simple way of living. I felt pained for Jessica and Lindsay, because I know how hard the loss of people you love can be. I also felt sad for Rebecca and her not being able to conceive children. The characters seemed well rounded and had what I think a good representation of what the Amish life would be like.

However, during the more serious parts of the book, I felt like they didn't have realistic reactions to what was going on. It all seemed very flat and dull... it just didn't feel right.

(view spoiler)

Overall, I did enjoy the book and plan on reading the rest of the series to see how everything pans out. However, I feel like the age category should be for young teens rather than adults, but I also think it would appeal to anyone who enjoys light reading.

Lindsey (Books for Christian Girls) says

{{This review was updated to the Official Rating System on April 23rd, 2016. This book was first reviewed on June 5th, 2013.}}

About this book:

“When Amish Rebecca Kauffman gains custody of her English nieces, “blended family” takes on a whole new meaning.

Rebecca Kauffman’s tranquil Old Order Amish life is transformed when she suddenly becomes guardian to

Series: Book #1 (of five) in “*Kaufman Amish Bakery*” series. (Has two bonus Christmas novella connecting to the series. Review of #1 [Here!](#) and Book #2 [Here!](#))

Negative Content- Minor cussing including: a ‘crummy’, a ‘dumb’, an ‘idiot’, a ‘gosh’, a ‘sheesh’ and eight ‘stupid’s; Jessica has an attitude (eye rolling & sarcasm); Mentions of car accidents (barely-above-not-detailed); Mentions of a fire & death (barely-above-not-detailed); Mentions of running away & lying; Mentions of gossip; A few mentions of husbands striking their wives; A few mentions of parties, trouble & foul play in a death; A couple mentions of divorce.

P.O.V. switches between them mostly, but also Lindsay & Daniel (along with Sarah in the Epilogue)
302 pages (with recipes!)

Older High School Teens- Four Stars

My personal Rating- Four Stars

Even though one of the main characters is a married woman, I can see my fellow Amish-fiction loving' teens enjoying the teen aspects of this novel because of Jessica and Lindsay. (I keep thinking that I'm spelling my name wrong... ;)) There are some great lessons about listening to God and not out selfish hearts in "*A Gift of Grace*". Amy Clipston is a talented author that made me feel many emotions while reading her first book published.

Also, isn't the new updated cover so pretty? :)

Link to review:

<http://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.

D.J. says

Can Rebecca be an Amish mother to two English girls?

I cannot imagine what it takes to write such a book as this... Amy Clipston has an amazing capacity for creating the perfect scenario!

It is perfect! A woman who left the Amish faith leaves instructions for her children to return to the family home if anything should happen to her.. and does Amy take the easy way out? Nope.

A Gift of Grace is a wonderful story about two sisters, forced to live with their Aunt and Uncle in an Amish community, after they lose their parents. One sister flourishes... the other perishes! Or at least she feels like she's been banished to another century, where there's no electricity, no phones, and no friends – only stupid rules!

I was caught up in the story almost from the beginning... about the time Jessica notices the not-so-pleasing smells coming from the farm.

What a nightmare!

The strange thing is – I live in an apartment with electricity, computers, phones, music, air conditioning and I have 2 vehicles to choose from whenever I want to go somewhere – why did I identify more with Lindsay, the slightly younger sister who felt at home on the farm and blossomed there. Why didn't I feel more like Jessica, who missed all the technology – and freedom?

I'll admit... when trouble brewed, I didn't really feel sorry for Jessica – but I did want to smack a few people and say, "hey, what happened to showing a little love and compassion? –Stop making mountains out of mole hills!"

But God has a way of dealing with people, especially when they're thinking too much of themselves, instead of showing His love to those who need it. Amy follows right along with these thoughts and although it took me by surprise, it certainly shakes up the community.

I love this book SO much, I gave away a copy!

Leah says

I liked the story; I thought it was interesting. It had happy ending for the main characters. There were a couple of accidents at the end of this book. One of the accidents ended tragically. That storyline will probably carry over into the next book.

I didn't connect with the characters. I liked Lindsay, though, but I didn't like Jessica and Daniel. The rest of the characters were unremarkable.

Donna Zakem says

This book is about two teenaged girls whose parents die in a tragic accident and are sent to live with their aunt and her husband in the Amish community in Pennsylvania. One girl adjusts much easier and better than her sister. Reading this book really opened my eyes to the way of the Amish and taught me about a whole other culture. It also taught me, as a Christian, that what I hear and believe sometimes, may not necessarily be what God is wanting me to hear and believe. An excellent book for anyone!!! I can't wait to try some of the recipes!!

Anna says

I listened to this as an audiobook.

The premise of this book really interested me. A childless Amish couple become guardians of their English nieces when the girls' parents are killed in an auto accident. The two girls, Lynsey (spelling I'm not sure of as I never saw this in print) who is about 12, and Jessica (who is 15) have found their world completely turned upside down as they move from Virginia Beach and public school into an Amish community, where they are expected to adhere to a set of unfamiliar rules and leave school and education behind, taking their places, respectively in an Amish bakery, and a furniture store.

The character of Jessica is well drawn and fairly realistic. However, the younger girl uses language that I found very strange for a child of this age. She alternately sounded bookish and advanced for her age, and slangy and teenager-ish part of the time.

While I kept reading because I wanted to see how the author handled this interesting plot (and I did think she was able to find a satisfying conclusion), her awkward phrasing and weird word choices drove me crazy. I never want to hear the phrase "she cut her eyes" again. Please! Use "glanced" or even just plain old "looked". "Cut your eyes?" Maybe once, but not over and over.

And her verb choices were strange. She "yanked" a pan of cookies out of the oven. Why? Just remove them gently or you'll have them all over the floor. She "stomped" up the steps, and wasn't even angry or upset. Just climb them, please. Over and over, these awkward phrases made me laugh or throw up my hands. I can't imagine what sort of editor let that stand.

Anyway, if you can get past the awkward phraseology, you might enjoy this book.

Rachel Brand says

I wasn't entirely sure what to expect of this book and was pleasantly surprised. Although it is written in a rather simplistic manner, it suits the book and doesn't detract from the values of the story. Although written in the third person, I really felt like I got inside the heads of Rebecca, her husband, Daniel, and her nieces, Jessica and Lindsay. I felt like I was experiencing the hurt of the girls at being uprooted from their normal life and the confusion Rebecca had over what was the best way of caring for her nieces. Overall, I thought that the book presented a realistic picture of two "worldly" girls moving to an Amish community. The ultimate decisions of Lindsay and Jessica weren't what I expected, but this made it even more believable! I also appreciated the Christian emphasis of the novel - which was far more present than in Beverly Lewis' Amish books - and the verses that Elizabeth reminded Rebecca of in her time of need. I must go back sometime and write them down! Elizabeth and the other Kauffman family members fitted into the story neatly and really gave the book its "Amish community" atmosphere and the scenes in the bakery truly made me feel like I'd been transported to Lancaster country. I'm glad that this book is part of a series as I'd love to read more about the family. All in all, I thoroughly enjoyed this book and am pleased that it exceeded my expectations. If you're looking for an enjoyable, thought-provoking story with realistic characters and strong Christian values that is an easy read then I'd definitely recommend this! Can't wait to get hold of the next book! 10/10

Sarah says

Oh My Gosh, this book was amazing. This book talks about healing, forgiveness and really listening to God. Yes this book is Amish however this book is about a struggle through 2 English teenagers, and the life of an Amish family, and the loss of many things. I think anyone who reads this book will see that they can relate to one of the characters in this book somehow. When you start this book I would suggest that you grab a box of tissues, it will be needed.

This book is the first book in the Kauffman Amish bakery series. This book I do have to say was pretty amazing and hit close to home for me. I can relate to the main character Rebecca. The story starts off with Rebecca getting custody of her two teenage daughters after their parents die. In the many books that I have read and the stories I have heard about the Amish they forgive no matter what, they believe it's God's will. In this book that is the same however it also deals with the loss of not being able to become pregnant and how she struggles with it, and how she feels her husband is upset over this. I personally have been dealing with my struggles on pregnancy so when I read this I felt like God was using this book to bring me comfort in his way and it's his will not ours.

This book also talked about forgiveness and really listening to God and what he has to say. Now Amy had the mother-in-law in this book keep saying, "Are you listening to God?" and I have not really thought about that are we really listening to God or are we listening to our hearts, and thinking it's God's voice we are hearing. In the book Rebecca is left to figure that out and as she struggles with that there are trials that come up that she has to deal with and work through all while trying to stay still and listen to God's sweet voice.

I would recommend this book to just about anyone and if you are dealing with loss or struggling to sit still to listen to Gods voice then I believe you will find comfort in this book. I also like how the author has included many recipes in this book.

Melody says

4.5 stars

In A Gift of Grace, Rebecca Kauffman gets custody of her two English nieces after both their parents die in a car accident. Unable to have children of her own, Rebecca finds her nieces coming to live with her to be a gift. However, seeing how the oldest of the two girls seems to have a hard time adjusting to Amish ways, Daniel Kaffman, Rebecca's husband, is not so sure the girls are meant to stay in his household.

I was expecting A Gift of Grace to be a light an slow-paced novel, like most Amish reads are. Instead, I found it to be an intense and emotional story. I loved it! I enjoyed getting a glimpse in the mind of each character. I understood all their opinions regarding the difficult situation they were put in. However, I got frustrated with them all for their stubbornness and their inability to resolve their conflicts. I wanted all of the characters to have a happy ending, and with the tension between them running high, I wasn't quite sure how that was going to happen.

I also really enjoyed how the premise to the second book in the series was set at the end of this one. I'm really looking forward to reading A Promise of Hope.

Holly says

May be the most annoying book I've read. I think the author went a little thesaurus crazy. No one 'walked' in this book. They sideled, sauntered, clomped, padded, shambled, tread, and schlepped. No one 'sat down', they 'sank'. I've never read anything like it. I always like stories with recipes as I love to try them out. I thought it was strange that the recipes in this book were not recipes for the foods mentioned in the story. It would have been interesting to see the shoo-fly pie recipe or the chocolate oatmeal cake recipe. I managed to make it through the story which wasn't really worth the effort. It was too predictable. I usually really enjoy stories set in Amish communities but not this one.
