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Adrian Lapp had taken that vow after losing his wife and son. But the newest resident of the Amish community of Hope Springs captivates him from their first meeting. Widow Faith Martin is strong, courageous and determined to make her farmstead profitable. Her fight to raise her six-year-old orphaned nephew in the Amish community brings her closer to the members of Hope Springs...and Adrian. Now if only Adrian can open his heart to the possibility of love again....

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Judy says

I love a good story about love, forgiveness, learning to trust again, and reconnecting with God. This book is about all of them.

This book is a fast read and one that I picked up as often as I could. I loved all the characters in this book including an animal named Myrtle! The main characters Adrian Lapp and Widow Faith Martin will steal your hearts. When you place two hurting people together something is bound to happen. Both have vowed never to marry again.

This was just a delightful read for me. I found myself laughing out loud when it came to Myrtle. I know you will too! The ending of this story had me crying. It just touched my heart so much as I'm sure it will yours.

I have read five of this author's books so far. I am about to start on number six.

Lorie says

This story is about a widow Faith that moved after her husband died to a farm she inherited after his death. When she gets there she meets her neighbor, who had secretly been wanting to buy her farm for years. He has a hard time in life because he lost his wife and son. Both Faith and the farmer vow never to marry again. Faith is also trying to adopt her brother's son as his mom and dad died in an accident. Her brother was not Amish and that left a lot of problems to bring a boy used to tv and such into the Plain life. Faith also raises Alpacas.

i really enjoyed this story. I learned a lot about alpacas. I thought that made the book really interesting. the adoption was also interesting and a topic I have not read a lot about with the Amish except babies.

I have enjoyed this whole series but what is great about it is that you really do not have to read them in order to enjoy them. They all stand alone so well, with just a hint of characters from previous books in the series. I read some people complain about the research this author did on adoption and that it would not be realistic to adopt a boy in that amount of time. This never crossed my mind as the story was just so good!

J. says

Amish romances are plentiful these days so it takes a special one to catch my eye. Patricia Davids's new book, The Farmer Next Door, is a gem that sparkled from the moment I picked it up. The author's humor, compassion, deep insights, and relevant plot make the Amish widow and widower theme fresh and exciting. The hero and heroine are imperfect human beings navigating between two worlds with unspoken longing for companionship and respect for their community. Unexpected plot twists jumped off the pages I was turning as quickly as I could read them. I found myself laughing at the antics of widow Faith Martin's alpacas and drawn into the struggles of widower neighbor Adrian Lapp. The emotional twists and turns of their romance left me sighing, smiling, and tearful. Their fears and spiritual struggles are described in a way guaranteed to ring true to readers who can learn much from their story of old lives set aside and new beginnings found. From the alpacas raised by the Amish heroine to the interactions with the Zooks, The Farmer Next Door is a

delightful keeper.

Vera says

Adrian and Faith have both lost others, and have no plans to marry again. But sometimes things like this will bring you closer.

Faith needs lots of help to get her place together to be able to adopt her brother's little one. Adrian knows she can't do it by herself, so starts out as a neighbor helping neighbor. But can this lead to more and they overcome hurt from the past?

Easy to read, and would recommend to others.

Susan Branz says

I enjoy easy reading Amish books. This did not disappoint. They often have predictable endings, but I enjoyed the plot and development of the character's lives throughout.

Shari Larsen says

Adrian Lapp, an Amish widower, vowed he would never marry again after losing his wife and son, but a new member of the community catches his eye. Faith Martin is an Amish widow who was a victim in an abusive marriage. She is in the process of fixing up a dilapidated farm, getting into the business of spinning and selling yarn from her herd of alpacas and trying to adopt her late brother's son and raise him in the Amish faith.

I was pleasantly surprised by this novel; it had much more substance to it than I was expecting. I liked that it touched on issues not usually part of the plot of Amish stories, such as domestic abuse; (yes, it happens in their communities too.) It had some unexpected twists in the plot, and it was also very interesting to learn something about alpacas and their antics were an amusing part of the story.

There were a few cheesy lines, but the romance between Faith and Adrian felt very real.

Lynda says

A lovely clean romance about a little boy who becomes an orphan, a woman who has suffered more than anyone ever should at the hands of men and a man who was living until he died. And how God uses each of them to heal the other. Sweet baby animal added to mix and a judge who I'd like to meet.

Harlequin Books says

"The author paints a beautiful and gentle picture of Amish life and the story is set in Ohio's beautiful Amish country. The descriptions are so realistic that you are transported there.

There is such humour, and compassion throughout the book and Adrian has some deep insights into life."

From a review posted by an eHarlequin.com member, to read more, [go here](#).

Shawn Scarber Deggans says

I the flip side to this particular Amish romance is that everyone's backstory is filled with gothic horror. It's like some sort of perfect storm of absolute tragedy brings these people together. On the surface, this is a sweet romance with cute alpacas, but deep down there's some pretty scary stuff.

Laura says

Title: THE FARMER NEXT DOOR

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Adrian Lapp has lost his wife shortly after childbirth, and his young son a few years later when he was hit by a car. He swears he'll never marry again. But that is until Faith Martin moves in next door. Faith also lost her husband and twin daughters, but she had an unhappy marriage and she doesn't want to be beat by a man again.

Faith raises alpacas for their wool to spin into yarn. But when they get into Adrian's beans he is less than happy. Still, he offers to help Faith get the animals properly enclosed so they don't escape and eat up his beans.

Faith's English brother died and she hopes to adopt his son as hers but the social worker is less than enthusiastic about letting an Amish woman adopt an English boy. Faith is the boy's only living relative so she has to give her a chance but she keeps finding things to knit-pick about, including the fact that she is Plain. Will Faith get to keep her nephew and find love in the process? Or will she lose both the boy and Adrian?

THE FARMER NEXT DOOR is part of Ms. Davids Brides of Amish Country series. It is kind of simplistic and gives a lot of information that avid readers of Amish fiction already know, but if someone is new to the genre then the information is good to have. I enjoyed reading this sweet romance and getting to know Faith and Adrian and learning more about alpacas (which are kind of like llamas). This was an interesting book and it held my attention, though I think that not all the adoption facts are accurate. I didn't research though, so I don't know. I hoped both Adrian and Faith would find happiness and that Faith would be able to keep her nephew. Discussion questions are included at the end of the book. \$6.50. 280 pages.

Patricia Marvin Hilfiker says

Another great Amish book. I like the variety of Patricia's story lines. An English boy comes to live with his Amish aunt who raises alpacas. The fact that alpacas spit gives a fun twist to the story. A must read.

Jeanie Harper says

This was a great read, particularly the outlining of the restrictions by the Amish.

Very heartfelt story.

Marilyn Upright says

This was a very good story.

Jae Roth says

This was a nice story but I think the author needs to work on her research. This was a problem in a previous book as well. While I'm no expert in Ohio adoption law, I'm fairly certain it takes more than six weeks to finalize an adoption, especially when the child's state of residence isn't Ohio, but Texas. And add in that the adoptive parent moved into the state the same week the process begins?

Perhaps instead of spending her time researching alpacas, the author should have taken a few minutes to google Ohio adoption laws. A quick search revealed that it takes a minimum of six months after a child is placed in the home before adoptions are final.

Again it's a nice story, but sloppy research is a major flaw in a writer and shows a lack of respect for the story and the readers.

Brenda says

This had so many tragedies; Faith was a widow and former domestic abuse victim, Adrian was a widow and had lost his son, Kyle had lost his parents. This book was about grief and overcoming it, but I really appreciated it also allowing for Adrian and Kyle to express their anger toward God for the loss of their loved ones. I liked seeing the slow renewal in Adrian, and I have to say I have read a lot of Amish novels and not one had alpacas, much less a spitting one.
