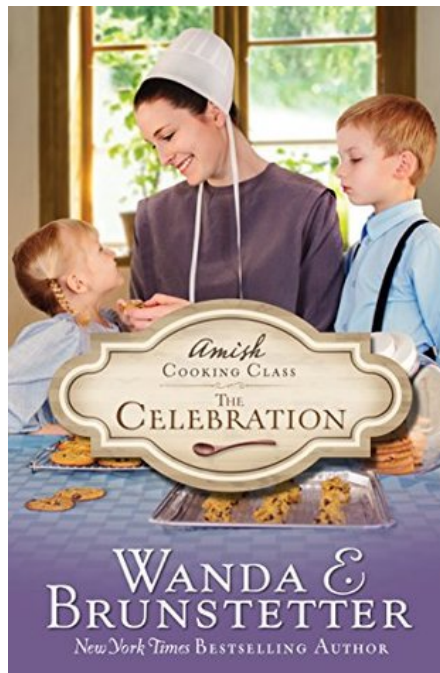




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Return to Holmes County, Ohio, for Amish style cooking class.

Lyle and Heidi Troyer have taken in a brother and sister, who were orphaned when their parents were killed in a car accident. Hoping to help the children adapt and make friends, Heidi decides to hold a series of cooking classes for kids. But kids are always accompanied by an adult—and that is where the trouble arises.

Miranda Cooper is living the life of a single mom to her two kids while separated from her husband, but Trent is trying to worm his way back into her heart.

Denise McGuire's life as a wife, mom, and real estate broker is full and spilling over.

Darren Keller, single dad and firefighter, and Ellen Blackburn, single mom and nurse, find a few things in common.

Will hearts be healed over plates of Amish food?

This is the third book in The Amish Cooking Class series.

Book #1: The Amish Cooking Class - The Seekers

Book #2: The Amish Cooking Class - The Blessing

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Molly Cafinated Reads Jaber says

The Cooking Class is back! I'm so glad that Mrs. Brunstetter brought us back to the Troyers and Heidi's cooking class. This one was as addictive as the first two, and Mrs. Brunstetter's extremely captivating talent has shone once again!

I loved seeing the Troyers and Marsha and Randy again. They are wonderfully chiseled characters and really come to life with each story. The other characters that Mrs. Brunstetter created for this one really stole a piece of my heart, too! Being married to my own firefighter, I loved seeing Darren Keller's character worked in there. It was definitely an added bonus to an already amazing novel.

I loved the way Mrs. Brunstetter made this novel about the kids. It was such a refreshing change from the first two, though they were amazing, as well. The different families that Mrs. Brunstetter created really made the story pop. Each family had a different circumstance, different struggles, and they all felt real to me. The inspiring ways that Heidi Troyer helps each family, really shines.

This is definitely a 5 star worthy addition to a fantastically created 5 star series by the Queen of Amish Fiction. Mrs. Brunstetter adds yummy sounding recipes to the book, making this a tasty treat for all Amish fiction lovers everywhere. While this could easily be read as a stand alone, I don't recommend that you read it as one. Grab this one, along with the first two, and take a trip to the Troyer's farm, to the fun of cooking and baking, and to where God is foremost the center of the story! You won't be sorry!

I received a complimentary copy of this book from Publisher and was under no obligation to post a review, positive or negative.

Cherese Akhavein says

This is the third in the Amish Cooking Class Series by Wanda Brunstetter "The Celebration"

I think this is my favorite in the series because Heidi Troyer is teaching a class to local children. Heidi and her husband Lyle are fostering two children Marsha and Randy who's parents were killed, they are trying to help the children adjust to their new home and cope with their parents passing. After Lyle suggests Heidi teach a children's class to help them she again turns to God for direction after prayer she realizes teaching the class will help the children.

During the course of the class Heidi soon realizes again just like her adult classes these children and their parents who happen to be staying with them for the class all have a host of problems that she hopes her class and the verse she included on the back of the recipe card will help in some small way.

Each child has his or her own family and personality problem can the class help them? Then there is Velma Heidi's new neighbor who recently moved her family from Kentucky and they are down on their luck. Velma is a sweet person who befriends Heidi and asks to work for her so her daughter can take the cooking class.

This book is a wonderful look at what will happen when you continue to work together and trust that God will work out all things for the good. As the children continued to take the six week class not only did they learn to cook some of Heidi's wonderful child friendly dishes but they soon saw that God worked out all their problems and their families were once again happy.

There are many special moments in this book, pick it up and read it you won't be sorry.

Shirley Chapel says

Heidi and Lyle Troyer have become foster parents to two lovely children. Marsha and Randy became orphans when both their parents were killed in an auto accident. Having no other living relatives they have become wards of the state. Hurting from the sudden loss of their mommy and daddy , grieving , and the traumatic changes in their lives causes Randy to have some behavior issues. Heidi and Lyle decide that a cooking class for children might help Marsha and Randy meet other kids that they could become friends with.

Jeremy Keller, Kevin and Debbie Cooper, Kassidy McGuire, Becky Blackburn and Peggy Ann Kimball are signed up for the class by their parents. Most of the Children are reluctant to take the class. Quite frankly things don't always go smoothly for Heidi as she tries to teach the children to cook. One student in particular is very rude and sometimes mean to the other younger students. Heidi wonders if teaching this class was the wisest thing to undertake.

I enjoyed how Wanda Brunstetter ended most chapters with situations that peaked my interest and made me want to delve into the next chapter immediately. I didn't want to put the book down. Wanda offers a range of emotions and good and bad situations in this story. As a bonus to readers , recipes that Heidi taught the children are included in the back of the book.

Readers of Amish Fiction will love The Celebration. If you've read the other two books in Amish Cooking Class series , you won't want to miss this one.

I was given a copy of The Celebration from the author. I was not asked to give a positive review. I have truthfully given my opinion of this book to the best of my ability.

Cheryl Baranski says

The Celebration is book three in the Amish Cooking Class series by Wanda E. Brunstetter. Take a trip back to Holmes County, Ohio in this delightful story. Catch up with Heidi and Lyle Troyer and the happenings in their lives. This story that is filled with love, hope, faith and heartache. Will Heidi's dream of becoming a mom come true? I know. Be sure to get your copy of the book today.

Patti says

The Celebration (Amish Cooking Class series)

Wanda Brunstetter

Heidi and Lyle Troyer's lives have changed dramatically since the last book. They are now foster parents to a brother and sister who were orphaned due to a tragic car accident. Life is challenging yet rewarding as the Troyer's adjust to their new role.

Heidi plans a new cooking class but this time for children. The children are very diverse in their family life as they are with their manners. From the dirt poor little girl who is grateful for everything to the snooty, spoiled know it all who is "bored" all the time. This motley crew will make you laugh, bring tears to your eyes, and allow you into their world to walk in their shoes. The parents of these children are also strong characters who see their own kids in situations that may make them proud, tearful, or furious.

This book was my favorite in the series (even though I loved the other two). The addition of these youngsters brought a whole new level of emotions to reading it. At least one time or more, my heart went out to each child (even "Miss Snooty"). I know many people look forward to reading this. You will not be disappointed.

Sunnie says

This is book 3 of a 3 part series of cooking classes by author Wanda E. Brunstetter. I read and reviewed each of the other 2 books. They are all sweet, uplifting books with a purpose and a learning experience for all the characters involved. It was a bit different this time as Amish Heidi, teacher of the cooking classes takes in 2 foster children which inspires her to teach a children's class instead.

Very nice read and with a true Christian spirit. Very enjoyable and light reading. I love all of Wanda's books and this one as well!

I received an ebook version from NetGalley for review. All thoughts are my own.

Connie Tillman says

I am a huge Wanda Brunstetter fan. She was one of the first Christian Amish Authors I discovered. I absolutely love the Cooking Class series. Here we see Heidi Troyer teaching a class, this time to children. I love that the parents stay and watch and you can see great relationships being constructed. Heidi and her husband Lyle are now fostering two children. I loved seeing what they were up to. I love the characters, the writing, the story. I hope this series continues on for awhile.

I was provided a copy of this book through Barbour Publishing, all opinions are my own

Kristina says

Amish Cooking Class – The Celebration by Wanda E. Brunstetter is the third book in this Amish series. Lyle and Heidi Troyer are enjoying being foster parents to Marsha and Randy. The two children lost their parents in an auto accident and have been living with the Troyer's for the last four months. Marsha is starting to talk, but Randy still refuses to obey Heidi at times. Lyle suggests that Heidi hold cooking classes for children. It will give the kids a chance to socialize with other children. Heidi quickly learns that teaching children is very different from adults. Anything can and will happen especially when children are present. Heidi has a diverse group in her latest cooking class. Miranda Cooper is estranged from her husband which leaves her managing their two children on her own. Her husband, Trent wants to return home and hopes Miranda will forgive him for his transgression. Darren Keller is a widower whose son loves cookies. The cooking classes will teach the boy cooking and keep him occupied. Denise McGuire might as well be raising her daughter on her own. Her husband is busy with work and Cassidy is getting out of control. Ellen Blackburn is a single mother. Her daughter, Becky is very shy, and Ellen hopes the class will help the child come out of her shell. Velma Kimball and her family have moved in down the street. Velma would like her daughter, Peggy Ann to attend the class. Due to lack of funds, though, she cannot afford it and hopes to work out a trade with Heidi. With God's help, Heidi will make it through the six weeks of classes and hopefully help each of these families.

Amish Cooking Class – The Celebration can be read alone, but I highly recommend reading the first two

books in this lovely, heartwarming series. I found the book to be well-written and to have a nice pace. I was immediately drawn into the story and I did not want to stop reading. I stayed up very late to finish this marvelous book. Heidi is such a sweet woman with a big heart. The author created characters that are very real. They have problems in their lives that readers can relate to. The scripture provided on the back of the recipe cards plus the behavior they witness in the Troyer home guides each of them. They begin to question their lives and make changes. Some of the themes present in Amish Cooking Class – The Celebration are forgiveness, grace, love, friendship, prayer, trusting God, family, helping others and learning from our mistakes. We all make mistakes (sometimes the same one over and over). The trick is to learn from them. Amish Cooking Class – The Celebration is my favorite book in the series. I enjoyed reading each of them, but this one is special. The children added another element to the story. Your heart will go out to the families especially the Kimball's. This is one of those books that will tug at your heartstrings as well as provide you with moments of laughter. The ending was delightful. Ms. Brunstetter did a fabulous job of wrapping up the various storylines and providing readers with a joyous conclusion. Fans of Wanda E. Brunstetter and Amish fiction will be delighted with Amish Cooking Class – The Celebration.

Vicky Sluiter says

Heidi and her cooking school are here for another session of lessons, this time for kids. It was so nice to visit with Lyle and Heidi again as they are learning that sometimes life throws us a curve, and we have the opportunity to be blessed in ways we didn't expect.

The subject of foster care and adoption were interesting and handled well with all the feelings expected; care, concern, love, and even fear.

The characters are "real" people, in that none are portrayed as perfect. It was enjoyable to see how the Amish community reaches out to those in need, even to the English who live among them. Heartwarming, full of faith and hope, The Celebration was a quick read, but a pleasant one.

I received a complimentary copy of this book but was not required to leave a review.

Mary Jackson _TheMaryReader says

This whole series was good and I enjoyed all three books. But I must say I think that The Celebration was my favorite of the three.

I found the love and the heart of the kitchen and the kids so much fun.

I did have an issue with the smart acting kids and I know kids are disrespectful at times. One particular kid had me screaming.

I loved whole series and how the whole story played out.

I gave this book 4 stars. I recommend the whole series . While this book can be a stand alone. if It were me I would read the whole series.

Nikki says

This is the third book in the Amish Cooking Class series. It picks up about six months after the last book ended. Heidi and her husband Lyle are still fostering the children they were preparing for at the end of the last book. It is in the light of this that Lyle suggests that Heidi teach another cooking class, for kids.

Once again the class brings a range of characters and personalities. A widower with his son, a single mother with an adopted daughter, a separated couple with their two children, a professional couple (mostly the mother) with their very spoiled daughter and down-on-their-luck new neighbors with their daughter (their other children make appearances). A pretty full kitchen that didn't always get along.

I loved getting to see the children's journey through this book since they were the students but seeing the parents' journey was important also. A journey it was, which is what I love about Wanda E Brunstetter's writing, being able to see the change and the catalyst for the change. Heidi and her kids had their own journey throughout the book which was it's own wonderful.

This book is part of a series but I think it can easily be read on it's own, though I recommend reading all the books. A few characters from the previous books did make appearances in this book but you weren't left confused or overwhelmed with trying to figure out who they were. The author gave very brief introductions without recreating or creating a whole other storyline. Everyone was smoothly included.

I received this book free from NetGalley and Barbour Publishing for my honest opinion.

Kristin says

A complimentary copy of this book was provided by The Publisher. I was not required to write a positive review, and have not been compensated for this. All opinions are my own.

Note: Kristin reads and reviews both Christian and secular fiction on A Simply Enchanted Life. Out of respect for my readers, I am including a content review. This content review will help you decide whether this book is suitable for you.

Content Review:

Christian or Secular: Christian

Profanity: None

Sex: None

Violence: None

Trigger None

Disclosure: None

The Celebration is book #3 in the Amish Cooking Class series by Wanda E. Brunstetter. Other books in the series include The Seekers (#1), and The Blessing (#1).

My Honest Thoughts:

I was really looking forward to this book—in fact, this was one of my anticipated reads for 2018. So, it's with a heavy heart that I sit down to write what I didn't like about this book.

I'll just be honest, there were so many characters that I had trouble keeping up with everyone. The point of view alternated between the following:

1. Heidi and Lyle and their two foster children.
2. Miranda and her two children.
3. Trent (Miranda's husband—they are separated so they have different POV)
3. Ellen and her daughter Becky
4. Velma and her family (three children and a husband.)
5. Daren and his son Jeremy.
6. Denise and her family (her husband and daughter, Kassidy.)

In addition to the rotating cast of characters, we also revisited with Eli and Loretta as well as Kendra and her daughter from book #1, *The Seekers*.

The previous books also rotated POVs so that we would get to know each person in Heidi's class. But, this time it just felt overwhelming. I kept confusing the children and mixing up the parents.

I really wanted to love this book and I do like that I was allowed to see how things conclude for Heidi. I loved the ending of this book. I just struggled with the number of characters. I was overwhelmed and didn't bond as much with the students as I had in the first two books.

Since this wraps up the series, I'll go ahead and determine a series rating. I gave book #1 a four-star and book #2 a five. Overall this series rating is a solid 3.66. It's worth the read. There are memorable characters that I wanted to read through to conclusion. While this last book in the series was not my favorite, I would still read *The Amish Cooking Class* again in the future.

This review originally posted to *A Simply Enchanted Life*

Amy says

The Celebration is a fabulous addition to Wanda Brunstetter's *The Amish Cooking Class* series. This third installment of the series involves Heidi Troyer teaching yet another cooking class. Only this time she is teaching children. To her surprise, the children's parents stay during the classes and their lives intertwine with one another. I enjoyed catching up with Heidi and her husband, Lyle, and excited that they are now foster parents to two beautiful children.

Like the other books in the series, *The Celebration* is heartwarming, full of faith, and inspiration. I highly recommend it!

5+ stars

I received this book from the publisher. This review is 100 percent my own honest opinion.

Deanne Patterson says

I have been reading Wanda Brunstetter books since she has begun writing and have loved ALL of them. What can I expect when I read one of her books? The best quality, fun and entertaining books and with faith elements that are not pushed on us but gently blended into the book. I always feel great when I read one of her books! This is the third book in the *Amish Cooking Class* series and Heidi and Lyle Troyer are the main focus of the books. In the two previous books Heidi has offered cooking classes to adult students out of her

home. This book has her offering cooking classes to children to acclimate the orphaned children she and her husband have taken into their home, a brother and sister whose parents were killed in an auto accident. I loved following along with the side stories given on each of the children and their parents lives taking the classes. Mistakes, mistakes, mistakes, we all make them sometimes over and over again but with God's grace and forgiveness we move on and learn from them and become better and more productive people! Beautiful forgiveness and healing here. Child friendly recipes included you'll love making with your children and grandchildren too.

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Fizzy says

I was a little leery when I sat down to read this book over my weekend. I've talked to a few readers who struggled with the book. Mainly the sheer number of characters but a few other smaller things as well. If you have ever read one of my reviews you know that if you give me more than one character I tend to get confused. Heck sometimes one is too much unless they are named Janet (shhh, don't tell anyone my real name m'kay?). As a rule sitting down to read Wanda is relaxing. Her simpler writing style with uplifting messages of love and hope are perfect when things are weighing. A book I can get lost into for an hour or two. I was nervous starting this one after some, not all, of the feedback I'd heard.

I was pleasantly surprised. Yes, there are a load of characters. I am hesitant to say boat load and be cliché but it's legitimately true. Surprisingly enough I struggled less with tracking and following this literal boat load of characters than I did in previous books. Perhaps because so many were children, perhaps because the issues that arose were on different spectrums. I don't know why really. No keep in mind keeping track of who is who is totally different than remembering which name went with which situation. Names, yup the still escape me for the most part. There were a couple of things that popped up for me though that I hadn't heard about from other readers. Perhaps I just became caught up in worry over numbers. There were a few story sequencing issues that I came across. Like Lyle thinking about painting the kids rooms to make them feel more welcome and then almost immediately Heidi telling the kids their rooms were done being painted. Or Velma coming into the cooking class and Ellen not recognizing her from the car crash that she stopped to help at.

With the volume of characters there was an equal volume of issues to work through. While I do love the simpler, sweeter writing style of Wanda I feel like there were a lot of tough issues that were brought up but not enough opportunity to address them fully. Some things feel too neatly resolved (Kassidy and her family come to mind). Some things had neat little bows wrapped around them (if you don't remember how I feel about those – it's not positive). While I appreciate a happy ending and book titled 'Celebration' should have reason to celebrate I'm not a fan of neat endings leaving nothing to tie up.

All that said, I did enjoy this book. Not as much as the first two but it was still a great weekend read. Wanda has a style that just calms the pace of life. You won't find a lot of drama, even the drama has smooth edges. You won't find a lot of tension. You won't find a race to an ending. You will find positive conclusions of a story filled with faith and love. Love for others (not necessarily romance people) and love for God.

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