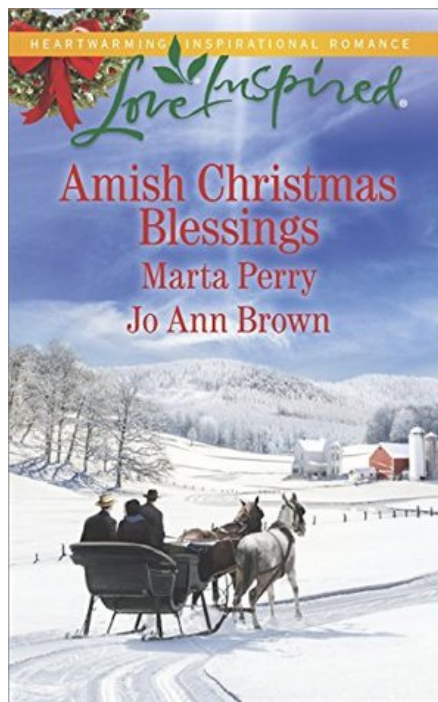




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Holiday Greetings From Amish Country

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Maureen Timerman says

With this book you get a double treat, and answers come quickly with these slightly over 100 page novellas, but they pack a lot in a small amount of pages.

With the first we are with Amish midwives, partners, in a clinic run at the Miller farm. Anna Zook lives her with Elizabeth Miller and her family and is gradually taking over more and more of the practice. The family is also living with the pain of having one son leave, but Ben shows up and how he is received and tries to put his life together is a big part of this book.

The second is the story of a woman Linda, a young girl, found by Amos Stoltzfus, but the woman does not seem to remember anything except where she is now. As this story unravels, we fall in love with the little girl, and try to put ourselves in Linda's shoes. We also find Amos caring more and move about this family, but what if she has a husband?

Great holiday stories and quick evening reads enjoy!

I received this book through Love Inspired, and was not required to give a positive review.

Margie says

Two nice Christmas stories. One by Marta Perry and the other by Jo Ann Brown.

Cheryl says

This book is the perfect holiday gift/stocking stuffer for that reader in your life. I thoroughly enjoyed both stories, The Midwife's Christmas Surprise and A Christmas to Remember. Both stories were sweet in their own ways. There was the lost love and forgiveness that could be found in The Midwife's Christmas by Marta Perry. Then there was the story of kindness and taking a chance on love with A Christmas to Remember by Jo Ann Brown. Which both stories were short they read like full length novels. Anna and Ben were so good together. Yet, Amos and Linda showed that love can be found in unexpected ways. What I really enjoyed about both stories is the Amish influence. I felt like I was transported to this other world reading both stories. In addition, I like the idea of Second Christmas, the day after Christmas for visiting with friends, relatives, and rejoicing together.

Donna says

I received this book from a goodreads giveaway. It was a combination of two Christmas stories, both being quick romantic reads. I enjoy these types of books during the Christmas season and this book was no exception. I would recommend it to anyone who wants a fun read to put you in the holiday spirit.

Just Commonly says

I love Christmas stories, and I love Amish stories. So Love Inspired's Amish Christmas Blessings is just perfect. And guess what?! It has two stories instead of one. I great "snack," as I call these heartwarming Love Inspired stories and novellas. Amish Christmas Blessings consists of The Midwife's Christmas Surprise by Marta Perry and A Christmas to Remember by Jo Ann Brown.

The Midwife's Christmas Surprise touched on lost love and forgiveness, while A Christmas to Remember is about generosity, hospitality and mainly finding love unexpectedly. Both are easy to read and quick romantic stories, but packs in much more than the number of pages it suggests. It's surprising how it delved on some serious issues in such a short amount of time. And that is a testament to the good writing by both authors. I did not find one area that had be questioning nor editorial issue. It was simply an enjoyable read.

This review first appeared on Just Commonly blog.

Disclaimer: I received a copy of this book from the author/publisher. I was not required to write a positive review, and have not been compensated for this. This is my honest opinion.

Brooklynsmom55 says

Two wonderful heartwarming stories.

Clare O'Beara says

This is a nice relaxing read with two gentle romance novellas set in Amish country. I preferred the first which follows a new midwife. Some of the locals are a bit suspicious of a stranger and aren't keen on the way she serves the wider community as well. But in the deep Christmas snow, just travelling is hard enough, and as Amish ladies don't like going to hospitals the conscientious midwife is very important.

The second story shows a shopkeeper who finds a young woman and little girl wandering in the snow. The woman has amnesia and doesn't know who they are or why they were there. The child provides considerably less information than is realistic. All the unmarried shopkeeper can do is bring them home to his mother, who is obliged to help those in need. I have enjoyed other Amish romances more, but we get a good look at winter weather and understated Christmas preparations. A little too much of kids' pageants for me as a reader, though I am sure they are a big part of the life.

I downloaded an ARC from Net Galley and this is an unbiased review.

Kav says

The Midwife's Christmas Surprise by Marta Perry - Delightful prodigal love story enhanced by a Christmas backdrop. Love Ben's courage to return and admit his mistakes. But Anna is wary even as she strives to extend forgiveness. A sweet, uplifting romance that embraces the true meaning of Christmas.

A Christmas to Remember by Jo Ann Brown -- A touching story with a bit of mystery. Love Amos the protector -- kind, steadfast, unflappable. And Linda is so confused and vulnerable. Not the ideal circumstances for a romance to brew but Christmas magic is in the air and the result is a sweet love story that will warm your heart.

Janice says

I read this on the kindle

This was a nice 2 in 1 book

The 1st one about a Midwife & how the man she thought she was going to marry but left 3 years earlier has returned

The 2nd is about a woman with a child who has lost her memory

Enjoyed both stories it was easy going read yes you knew how they would end more or less but still very enjoyable

Lisa Blair says

The Midwife's Christmas Surprise 4 stars

Sweet story of a midwife's apprentice gaining confidence in her abilities to help birthing mothers and of the community trusting a younger midwife as the older one retires.

A Christmas to Remember 2 stars

Cute story, but a little unbelievable. Underdeveloped and there are quite a few mistakes: Larry/Ezra cheese; she didn't notice the looks over her head/bothered by sympathetic expressions. You don't want your reader to be the editor.

Linda says

Two wonderful Christmas stories.

The Midwife's Christmas Surprise

Anna Zook was left behind shortly after Benjamin Miller declared his love for her. She gave up even trying to find someone to replace him. Three years later he reappears but is she ready to forgive him?

A Christmas to Remember

When a small girl comes into Amos Stoltzfus' shop to steal a loaf of bread he follows her to the woman he thought sent her into the shop. Finding a young woman with no memory of who she is or why she and the little girl are even there he takes her home to his family to help her recuperate from a nasty accident.

I have no idea why I enjoy reading stories of the Amish at Christmas. Perhaps because their lives are so simple and their belief in Christmas is exactly what it should be. Anyway, these were two of the best

Christmas stories I have read this year. (Perhaps too, it is because they focus on love from the heart and not the sex that so many stories seem to have now!)

Anne says

Fantastic Amish love story!

Cara Ross says

The Midwife's Christmas Surprise by Marta Perry

The Midwife's Christmas Surprise by Marta Perry is a sweet tale of returning home and making peace with yourself.

Midwife Anna Zook lost her heart when Ben Miller left the Amish life 3 years ago, but now he is back and Anna is struggling with not only her feelings for Ben but conflict with others in the community,

I loved this book by Marta Perry, she has a way of putting a refreshing spin on Amish stories and leaves you wanting more.

A Christmas to Remember by Jo Ann Brown

When Linda opened her eyes, she didn't know where she was or who she was, all she knew was she was taking Polly to her Grandparents, but somehow she found herself in Lancaster, taking care of a little girl, being taken care of by Amos and his family.

After being lied to by a woman 5 years ago, Amos didn't find it easy to trust, but after rescuing Polly and Linda from the harsh winter weather, but the one thing he wasn't counting on was falling for Linda.

A Christmas to Remember is such a sweet tale and you just can't help but fall in love with Amos! I absolutely loved this book, so if you like Amish fiction, it's a must read!

I give Amish Christmas Blessing 5 stars!

Fiona Marsden says

These were two nice little romances set at Christmas.

My favorite is the first story which is a reunion between Anna who is training to be a midwife in the Amish community and Ben Miller, the son of the midwife who is Anna's mentor.

Three years ago, Ben and Anna declared their love and the next morning Ben jumped the fence, leaving the Amish community to travel.

Now he is back and it's obvious that the years away have been tough on him and he seems to have

unfinished business. It's tough for Anna to trust him again, having opened her heart to him and been rejected. She's carried that pain in silence as no one else knew. The ending was satisfying.

The second book is an amnesia trope and Amos finds a woman and child wandering around in the winter cold. Linda has been injured and lost her memory and the child is too young to have useful details about their identity and where they come from.

This was a sweet romance with the conflict coming from not knowing whether Linda is free to fall in love. The ending is satisfactory.

Laura says

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My thoughts: THE MIDWIFE'S CHRISTMAS SURPRISE is a really sweet story. Anna is shy, insecure, and sweet, but struggling to be accepted as a midwife after she finished her apprenticeship. Ben left the Amish, but now he's back, but it seems he lost everything, including the girl he loved. Both Anna and Ben are out to prove themselves, but they do it in a gentle way. This story was a pleasure to read. Enjoyed this quiet escape to a snowy Amish landscape.

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My thoughts: Amos is a kind, considerate Amish man, still living at home with his parents, but running a store. When a little girl steals bread from him, he gives her peanut butter, too, but then gives chase after her and lashes into the woman she's with. Except she is rather clueless, having lost her memory for some reason, and doesn't even know who she is or what her name is, or even if the little girl is hers. Amos takes her home to his mom. Sweet, kind of. He gave me mixed emotions and with "Linda" not knowing who she is, there was nothing to make this reader connect with her. Still a good escape to Amish country.

My thoughts on both: A good collection of two Amish romances for readers who can't get enough bonnet fiction.

I was given a copy free from a friend (not the author, publisher, or publicist) and no review is expected.
