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Tabitha Jones says

Caroline's Secret(Well's Landing) is the first of this series. This book is amazingly written. This story takes place in Oklahoma and also Tennessee. Young Amish mother Caroline travels to Oklahoma to get away from her troubles. After arriving in Well's Landing everyone was very welcoming to her and her daughter Emma. Andrew a young heartbroken Amish man also decided to travel to Oklahoma and stay with his uncle. Caroline and Andrew became fast friends and Andrew fell in love with the wee one. In this Amish story you will find stubbornness, friendship, love, heart ache and heart break. Lillard takes you on a journey in this brilliant story. She provides you with lots of wonderful Amish recipes and a page full of Dutch/English words. If you love Amish stories this is the one to get....

Cheryl Baranski says

Caroline's Secret, By: Amy Lillard

This is by far Amy's best book yet! I didn't want to put it down.
This is a wonderful book about love, heartbreak and secrets, devotion.

This is the story of Caroline Hostetler and Andrew Fitch.
They are both trying to get away from things that happened
in their pasts. Caroline is taken in by a widow named Ester in Oklahoma.
Trying to have a new life for her and her daughter.
Can Caroline learn to forgive herself?
Andrew is living with and working for his older uncle.
Hoping that time will heal a broken heart. He struggles
not knowing if his heart will ever heal and be able to
love again.
Will Caroline's secret destroy any chance of a future together?

Eva says

Caroline's Secret

The first book in a new series brings us to a small Beachy Amish community of Wells Landing in Oklahoma. The two main characters arrive there to start anew and try to rebuild their lives.

Caroline is working in a bakery and has a baby daughter Emma. The community thinks she is a young widow and encourages her to remarry. Andrew comes from Missouri after the death of his fiancée to work in his uncle's woodworking shop.

Their romance is not a straightforward one. There are twists and turns and unexpected developments that

have kept me interested until the very end.

Caroline's secret is a great story about love, sacrifice, responsibility, forgiveness and second chances, I must also add that Wells Landing is populated by very interesting characters that promise for several good romances in the future.

I got a copy of the book by Netgalley and was asked to provide an honest review.

Megann Zeigler says

I really love reading stories about the Amish way of life. They are so spiritual and filled with versus that I can look up and read further. They always make me smile when there is a problem and they figure it out with the help of the ordinance and their families. Wish all religions were this way. It is an easy read with a great message.

Rhonda says

"The ever-cheerful sweetly plump widow turned her attention to the dark-haired delivery man. It was better by far for Caroline to think of him in those terms rather than as the most attractive man she had seen in a long time. Or ever. Those were the thoughts of a carefree teenager, and she was neither a teenager nor carefree any longer."

***** Wow, I would love to give this book more than 5 stars! This is a fresh, new way to approach Amish fiction from Amy Lillard. Caroline and Andrew captured my heart immediately and little Emma stole it! It is so cute how they are matchmaking for elderly widow, Esther, and Andrew's uncle Abe, and Esther is hoping to get the two of them together. This book is a precious story of second chances and forgiveness. I think readers will find it as fresh and exciting as I did. I couldn't wait to finish chores around the house to get back to reading this one! You will even get some of the delicious recipes for foods the characters create in their bakery. Cowboy cookies, which were Andrew's favorite, sound especially yummy and the recipe does not look terribly complicated. Come to Wells Landing and fall in love. Now I am just awaiting book two in the series!

I received a free kindle version of this book from netgalley in exchange for my honest review.

Michelle Kidwell says

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Amy Lillard is a relatively new author to me but definitely an author I will be reading again.

Caroline is trying to build a life for her and her young daughter a daughter that came from a forbidden relationship with an Englisher. She soon finds herself seeking out the girl's father and is torn when he asks her to marry him but marrying him would mean she is put under the Bann. She also has another man asking for her hand in marriage an Amish man. Caroline finds herself relieved when Trey steps down realizing it would be better for their daughter to be raised in the Amish community surrounded by family.

Caroline's Secret is a story of sacrifice of hard lessons learned of family of faith and of forgiveness.

Five Stars for Caroline's Secret...

J.C. Morrows says

I stumbled upon Amy Lillard's work entirely by accident and it was equally coincidental that I ended up on her street team!

Which is how I got an early look at her new book: "Caroline's Secret"

And let me tell you, this book is just as fantastic a read as her Clover Ridge series!

If she writes mainstream fiction anywhere near as well as she does Amish fiction... it's a wonder she hasn't sold a million+ copies.

The characters will immediately engage you, pulling you right into their world – and that is not always an easy thing to do.

Now granted I read an uncorrected proof because it was an early sneak peek (I LOVE being on the street team!!!) but the finished story is sure to be just as amazing once it's all finished and fixed.

And isn't it interesting – I think I found less mistakes in the "uncorrected proof" than I have in a lot of regular published books.

Amy Lillard has a particular talent for pulling you into her characters' skin. It's wonderful! You feel what the characters feels and it really makes the book REAL for you! Or it does for me... at any rate. And her skill does not end with the characters. She always writes a stellar story and she paints a beautiful picture for us too. There's no feeling that you're just following someone around a blank town. We see the area around our characters and that also helps make the story REAL!

Now... I get to be on pins and needles until the next book in this series is ready for us to check out. Write faster Amy. LOL!

DO NOT MISS THIS ONE! If you have not pre-ordered, go do it now! "Caroline's Secret" releases officially on August 5th!

I received this book free in exchange for an honest review.

Brittany says

Caroline's Secret is a wonderful start to a new series set in the community of Wells Landing. This book was so hard to put down! The leading characters, Caroline and Andrew, both captured my heart and I found myself thinking about them long after I finished reading the book.

There are some big hurts in both of their pasts, and a really big secret that could threaten the friendship/relationship between the two. I appreciated how the author showed us many sides of these characters and even took us back to the very strict Amish community that Caroline fled from a couple of years earlier. I enjoyed getting a peek at those characters as well.

I am looking forward to reading the next books in the series, and really liked the sneak peak at book two that was located in the back of this book. I can't wait to see what happens with Caroline's friend, Emily.

This book and the characters in it found their way into my heart to stay! Highly recommend for fans of Amish fiction.

I received a complimentary ebook copy of Caroline's Secret from the author, through NetGalley, in exchange for an honest review.

You can read this review on my blog at:
<http://brittreadsfiction.wordpress.co...>

Elizabeth says

Caroline's Secret (Wells Landing)

By; Amy Lillard

Caroline's Secret is the first book in Wells Landing series. Wow, Amy Lillard does not disappoint me. She pens a novel of a young Amish girl, Caroline , who leaves her home and family in Tennessee and ends up in Oklahoma to start a new life. She has her daughter, Emma , who she loves very much. She lost someone she loved and is trying to move on. Andrew is a young Amish farmer who came to Oklahoma to live with his uncle and help him in his furniture store. He has lost someone he loved very much and trying to go on with his life. Now Caroline and Andrew neither one is ready for a relationship. They just want to be friends, but they can't get the other one off of their mind. There is some match matching going on in Caroline's Secret and you will laugh about the things that are done to try to get two people together. Caroline and Andrew become good friends and begin to have feelings for each other, but they still are not ready for anything other than being friends. Can Caroline and Andrew get over their past and love again or will they wait to long? There was times when you just want to get in there and knock some sense into Caroline and Andrew. I loved this story and can't wait for the second book in this new series.

I as given a copy of this book for my honest review and, I have given it.

Stacey Barbalace says

Caroline's Secret is an Amish romance written by Amy Lillard. I have read all of her Amish romances and they never disappoint. Caroline's Secret is an amazing story. Caroline arrives in Oklahoma hoping to start a new life for herself and her young daughter Emma. She meets Andrew Fitch who comes to Wells Landing hoping to mend his broken heart after losing his life-long love. Will they find true love together or will the arrival of an Englisher with ties to Caroline's past threaten their relationship? Amy Lillard always does an excellent job developing her characters. She is a gifted romance writer. Her Amish details are also always very authentic, but the focus is on the sweet romance she creates. I highly recommend this first book in her new series.

Dali Castillo says

Caroline's Secret is book one of Amy Lillard's new Wells Landing Series, and if this book is any indicator, the entire series will definitely be a must read for anyone that enjoys Amish fiction/romance.

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Amy Lillard unravels this lovely story in such a way that the reader vividly sees things through the characters' eyes and feels what the characters are feeling. It's a story of love, joy, hope, forgiveness, sacrifice, and so much more. You'll smile, you'll sigh, you'll find your self holding your breath, and yes, even crying, all of which blend together in a beautiful story that you won't want to put down till the very end.

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Jalynn Patterson says

About the Book:

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About the Author:

I'm a wife, mother, and bona fide Southern belle. Published author, expert corn bread maker, and Squirrel Princess.

I live in Tulsa, though I was born in Mississippi. I moved to the Sooner State when I was seventeen and met

my soul mate and best friend not long after. I've retained a little of my Mississippi accent though most people think I'm from Texas. (?) Rob and I have been married for over twenty years and have a son--a mom proclaimed prodigy, of course!

My Review:

It is extremely obvious at the beginning of the story that Caroline is captivated by the "most handsome man she has ever seen". She is just minding her own business when out of heaven drops the most amazing looking man with the purest blue eyes she has ever seen. But as soon as she gets comfortable watching him from afar, she realizes that he is delivering something she specifically told Esther they can't afford right now. As a result her swooning is replaced with anger. She immediately confronts Esther but all the anger drifts away when she realizes that Esther did it out of love.

Andrew Fitch works for his uncle at his uncle's furniture store and as he makes a delivery, he encounters Miss Caroline. As Andrew arrives back at the store, he is informed that He and his uncle will be heading back up to Esther's for dinner tonight. He never expected to be so interested in another woman after Beth passed on, but Caroline had invaded his thoughts upon their meeting. He agrees to be "just friends" with Caroline. But soon the two of them start spending more and more time together.

The kindling of the romance between Andrew and Caroline is so sweet. Amy has done a perfect job of drawing you in from the beginning. The story really takes off from the beginning, so there is no need in aimlessly reading chapter after chapter before you get the idea of what is happening. I really liked being on the sidelines looking in to see the love between the two main characters blossom.

****Disclosure**** This book was sent to me free of charge for my honest review from the author.

Maureen Timerman says

Caroline's Secret brings to light the differences of the many sects of Amish Communities, I've known that they existed, but some of the rules are laid out, so you can see how they vary.

Caroline came to the Oklahoma Beachy Sect from one of the most stringent Sects, the Swartzentruber. When we meet her she is living and working among her people, no one questions her, but she is holding a big secret, one that she could be shunned for.

We have another young man trying to put his life back on tract, after loosing the woman he was to marry. Andrew, is attracted to Caroline, but berates himself for not keeping his mourning. Through the whole story we find Gods hand on his people, and his help, just for the asking.

You will wonder almost from the beginning whom Caroline will end up with, and it becomes very surprising. We also have another romance here, one that has been going on for many years, without the participants realizing. This one is so sweet and fits almost like an old shoe!

This book gives a great insight into the Amish culture, and you might be surprised at what some of your assumptions are, and how wrong you will be. Enjoy!

I received this book through Net Galley and the Publisher Zebra, and was not required to give a positive review.

Judy says

A Real Page Turner! Don't Miss This One!

I have read all of Amy Lillard's Amish fiction books. I have sincerely loved them all. BUT, I will say that Caroline's Secret is my favorite so far. Right from the beginning this book holds your interest. I have a confession to make. I wanted to read the last page in this book in the worst way. I needed to know a few things, hoping they would turn out the way I wanted them to. I will admit that I DID NOT read the last page. I made myself wait until I got there.

I quickly fell in love with the characters in this book. Caroline is someone I'd truly want as a friend. Emma is an adorable toddler that will capture your heart. I could easily claim her as my granddaughter! Andrew is someone you will instantly like. I can't forget to mention Esther and Abe, they will hold a special place in your heart too.

This is a story of love, romance, and forgiveness. You will smile, laugh, shake your head, you might even say, really?!, and it will bring you to tears. You will find hidden secrets and moments of, how could he do that!! You will pick up this book every chance you get and if you are lucky you might be able to read it all the way through in one day if you don't have any interruptions and a household to take care of.

Amy, you have done it again! I can not wait until book two, Courting Emily, is released in January 2015.

I highly recommend this book. It is a 5 star book many times over!

Cindy says

Amy Lillard never ceases to amaze me, nor does she disappoint me with her stories. Caroline's Secret is no exception. A wonderful story that will have you wanting to shake some sense into Caroline and Andrew both. I have to say this, if for some totally off the wall reason, you can't read this whole book, the ending is the most beautiful ending. That totally made the book! 5 stars from this reviewer.

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