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## From Reader Review An Amish Miracle for online ebook

### Kelly Smith says

I was blessed with an Advance Reader Copy to read and review this book. I am so glad I was chosen!

“Always in My Heart” by Mary Ellis

Hope Bowman has a secret that she has carried for a long time. A secret she has kept from her husband, Stephen, even after being married several years, with 3 children, and one on the way. Even though the secret she held was not ultimately her fault, the guilt she carried over it affected her. Guilt can drag us down, make us feel unworthy, and affect the relationships we have with others if it is not dealt with. I think many of us know what Hope was going through. The secret she held was a son she gave birth to. A son, whom many years later, decides to show up on Hope’s doorstep. Hope had some reservations of what her father would say if he knew James had sought her out. She also didn’t know how the leaders in the community would deal with it. But she wanted to learn about and get to know this boy that was, ultimately, hers. For many years, Hope had prayed for a son for Stephen. Her 3 children were girls, and as she gives birth to the 4th in this story, that baby too, is a girl. Stephen worked so hard on their farm. She prayed for a son to grow up like his father and work with him on the farm. Little did she know, God had a son in mind, it just wasn’t what either of them expected. Miracles sometime happen in the least expected way. This story is full of hope, forgiveness and reconciliation.

“Always His Providence” by Ruth Reid

Rosa Hosteler lost her husband in a barn fire. A fire that burned parts of Adam Bontrager’s body. Rosa’s husband went into the barn to save his best friend, Adam, but was killed, while Adam lived. Adam has always felt responsible for Rosa. They lived right next door to each other, and Adam used Rosa’s barn to house his horses that he trained. It was Adam’s barn that burned down. Adam felt it was his responsibility to look out for Rosa, now that she was a widow. He took that role seriously, even to the point of losing out on relationships that he has had with other women. Rosa found out after her husband’s death, that he was delinquent on the property taxes. The only income Rosa had was what she made selling eggs to local Amish families and even some English. Rosa prayed to God to help her get what she needed to make that amount by the due date. She was doing everything in her power to figure it out. The chickens that produced those eggs, for her only income, started coming up dead. A neighbor on the other side had many dogs and she knew it was one of them killing her chickens. As more and more chickens come up dead, and eventually stop producing eggs all together, Rosa knew she would have no choice by to let the property go and move to Ohio with family. Adam feels more for Rosa than just being her guardian and looking after her. How can he make her realize that he loves her and wants to help her get the money she needs to save the farm? Miracles sometime, if not most of the time, do not show up on our timetable. I know we want them to, but that is not the way God works. God wants us to have faith and believe in Him. He will come through. This story is full of love, acceptance and definitely a miracle.

“Always Beautiful” by Beth Wiseman

Becky Byler is overweight. How many of us can relate to that, and the feelings of insecurity that come along with it? Becky was tired of hearing people talk behind her back about how big she had become. She was withdrawn, lonely, and desperately wanting to lose weight. Her insecurity was so bad, Becky had thought about taking her own life. Her best friend, Elam, loved her just the way she was. Becky was a great cook, she loved children, and would make a wonderful wife to someone. But Becky felt her outward appearance would stop her from living a wonderful married life. Who would want her looking like that? “You are so pretty in

the face”, is what she would hear people say. She was just tired of it. Becky finally decides she has to do what she has to, to lose weight. She prayed that God would make her skinny. She knew God was going to give her the miracle she wanted, but she also needed to put forth an effort. Becky lost quite a bit of weight, everyone was noticing and complimenting her success. She got the attention of Matt King, someone she had a crush on since she was a girl. At first she felt like Matt was only asking her out because she had lost weight, but Matt kept telling her he didn't care that she was big before. As she grows closer to Matt, she is more and more distant from her best friend, Elam. Elam tries to tell her that he loves her, and wants to marry her, but Becky doesn't think she feels that way about him. Her focus was on Matt. As the story unfolds, Becky learns some things about herself along the way. Things that change her relationship with Matt and Elam. The miracle she so desperately begs God for in the beginning, was right in front of her the whole time. This story is filled with self-acceptance, God's grace and yes, a miracle!

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### **Maureen Timerman says**

I never wanted this book to end. I wanted to stay right here and keep absorbing their lives. There are three separate stories here, and each blends into the next author's story.

We begin with *Always in My Heart* by Mary Ellis. A story of tragedy brought full circle. Book Blurb: Hope Bowman believes God is punishing her for giving up her firstborn son when she was a teenager. She's hidden this secret from her husband, who is thankful for their daughters but longs for a son. Hope prays desperately, but the son God sends her isn't a new baby but the fifteen-year-old boy she gave up years ago. I can just imagine how Hope felt, the missing piece of her life. Will she ever be able to tell her husband?? Will she be able to forgive her Dad? Strong feelings of emotion on all of the people in this story.

The next story is *Always His Providence* by Ruth Reid and the blurb about this book: Widow Rosa Hostetler has one month to pay her delinquent taxes before the county auctions her farm. She's prepared to sell whatever is necessary to pay the lien, but she isn't willing to request money from the community's widow fund. She's embarrassed and refuses to admit she needs help. Rosa depends on income from selling eggs, but when that income is threatened, only a miracle can help Rosa accept the kindness of a neighbor.

We find Rosa is such a proud woman, and she is still protecting the reputation of her late husband, and she is doing this to the point of possibly losing her farm. There are so many surprises and lots of action in this read. There is even a bit of romance. Again we are with people who we met in the first book, and continue with their story.

The third and last story is *Always Beautiful* by Beth Wiseman: Becky Byler is eighteen and overweight. She is overwhelmed by the embarrassment she feels when comparing herself to other girls her age. Having lost all hope, she considers taking her own life. As she stands before rushing water, unable to swim, Becky begs God for a miracle. In just several months, Becky sees her prayers answered as food and temptation lose their hold over her. She's finally pleased with how she looks, but does she like the person she has become? And has the man she has dreamed of been right beside her all along, loving her exactly as she is?

We met Becky in the first story, and now we are going to focus on her. A novelette of not seeing really what is in front of you. Having your prayers answered by God, but not really seeing his answer, because one is focused on what we want.

These are really get reads all by them selves, but especially great as they are a continuation into the lives of these beloved people, that will feel like family, by the time you finish!

I received this book through NetGalley, and the Publisher Thomas Nelson, and was not required to give a positive review.

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## **Michele says**

I was looking for a quick read while sitting in the car. This was perfect! Three novellas that intertwine, full of hope.

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## **Shari says**

I love working with Book Look Bloggers to get books from my favourite authors to review! YAY for being able to claim reading as "work". So my latest read from Book Look Bloggers is called An Amish Miracle. It is actually a collection of 3 shorter books in 1. Each book in the series has about 12 chapters, and is written by a different author. Since, I have read a few books from Mary Ellis, and a bunch by Beth Wiseman and enjoyed both authors thoroughly. So I was pretty sure that I would enjoy this, and I was correct!

“Always in My Heart” by Mary Ellis

Hope Bowman believes God is punishing her for giving up her firstborn son when she was a teenager. She’s hidden this past from her husband, who is thankful for their daughters but longs for a son. Hope prays desperately, but the son God sends isn’t a new pregnancy. It’s the fifteen-year-old boy she gave away years ago.

Hope struggles with the guilt and shame of what happened 15-16 years ago, when she gave away her first child. She longs to give her husband a son, but only keeps having daughters. Hope has kept the secret of her first pregnancy from her husband for all these years. And we follow her journey as she struggles to figure out what she should do, and the consequences of each action she takes.

Having had 3 boys of my own, I could relate to some of Hope's struggles with having only one gender. I went through a time in my life where I felt like I was missing out on a little girl, but I realize this is God's plan for me, and it's a good one.

This is a well written story, and a fun journey to take a long with Hope and her family.

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We are first introduced to Rosa in Always in My Heart as Hope's friend. Rosa struggles with her life as a widow and the way her husband left her with lots of debt. The problem with Rosa is she doesn't like to ask for help when she needs it. I feel like Rosa sometimes. It's hard to bare your soul to others and let them know that things aren't going well.

During the journey you start hoping with Rosa as things start to look up, and the twists and turns along the

way draw you in, and you feel like you are struggling with her.

“Always Beautiful” by Beth Wiseman

Becky Byler is eighteen and obese. As she continues to grow, so does her despair. Having lost all hope, she considers taking her life, even though it goes against her beliefs. Standing before rushing water, unable to swim, Becky begs God for a miracle. Two months pass and Becky has miraculously lost over a hundred pounds. But does Becky like the person she has become? Could it be this weight loss isn't at all the miracle she thinks it is?

We watch Becky from the sidelines throughout the other books. Becky struggles with her weight, and has self-confidence issues since this is a rare problem in their community. Becky feels like she is unlovable because of her weight. She prays and begs God for a miracle to get thin! She gets it, and then starts realizing that her problems don't disappear they are just slightly different.

I think we all have been there, when we get what we think we wanted all along, and realize that it's not what we thought it would be. Not all that glitters is gold, and we are left feeling disillusioned, and slightly question what we should do now. We feel like we are lost without a real idea of what we want. That is the journey we follow Becky on. When Becky starts learning what she really wants, and what really matters to her all along.

I thoroughly enjoyed all 3 of the mini books inside An Amish Miracle. If you like Christian Amish Romance books than I would recommend this to you.

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### **Barbara Collins says**

absolutely love the Amish Novellas

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### **Laura says**

Title: AN AMISH MIRACLE  
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AN AMISH MIRACLE is a collection of romantic novellas set in Pennsylvania's Amish country. Three Amish women are going through difficulties, each of a different sort. Ms. Ellis' story has Hope who is still mourning the loss of her son to adoption. Ms. Reid's story has Rosa who is facing losing her home due to delinquent taxes, and she's unwilling to accept help from others. In Ms. Wiseman's tale, Becky is an outsider in her community due to her weight issues.

This collection by three very talented Amish authors is different that while the stories all have Christmas themes, they are not touted at Christmas stories. That is secondary. Also, the hardships the characters face are all overwhelming I felt the characters' depression—which is a sign of good writing.

If you are looking for an Amish novella collection for yourself or a loved one or friend then AN AMISH MIRACLE is a book to consider. Three stories in one book. And if you like this book, you'll want to check out Mary Ellis', Ruth Reid's, and Beth Wiseman's other books. Includes Reading Group Guide and Old-Order Amish Recipes. 15.99. 384 pages.

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### **Karla says**

The BEST novella that I have ever read!!

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### **Jan says**

I really enjoyed these three stories that were interconnected about members of the same Amish community but each with their own story to tell!

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### **Nicole Kline says**

I love these kind of stories. They melt your heart a bit. Although my life was nothing like 1 character in the story I shared some similarities and how I wished things would have gone differently in life. I am not sure that these books are realistic of Amish culture but they are good clean entertainment:)

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## Sheila says

An Amish Miracle is a book compiled of three Amish Novellas by three different Authors. Included is Always In My Heart by Mary Ellis, Always His Providence by Ruth Reid and Always Beautiful by Beth Wisemen. It was not until I began the second story that I realized that all three Novellas take place in the same Amish community and all the character's intertwine. I absolutely loved that the authors worked together to do this and it added to the enjoyment of the stories. Once I started reading these beautifully written stories it was hard to stop. I love fiction books that portray a faith in God that is encouraging to read and deals with things that I can relate with and each one of these stories did exactly that.

Another thing that each short story has in common is that each main character needs and is praying for a miracle of some sort. God provides for each of them in ways that was beyond (and better) than their thinking.

In the first story Always In My Heart, Hope Bowman believes that she is being punished by God for giving up her son for adoption when she was 16 years old. She has kept a terrible secret from everyone including her husband. She finally realizes she must make peace with herself, God and her family. She tells her husband the truth of her past. Her husband has desperately wanted a son, even though God has blessed them with 4 daughters. He has a hard time dealing with it at first, but soon realizes that Hope was not to blame and was following her own fathers orders. Hope has always prayed for the son she gave up, but she is also praying that God would bless her and her husband with a boy of their own. Much to her surprise God answers her prayer when a 15 year old boy shows up on their doorstep...the son she gave up for adoption. This is a story of faith, of forgiveness and of healing. I enjoyed reading this novella so much and thought it was beautifully written. The only complaint I have is that it was too short. I felt that the end of the story was a little rushed and would of loved to have more details at the end.

Always His Providence is about Rosa Hostetler who is a widow. Her husband died while saving his best friend Adam from a burning barn. Before he died he asked Adam to take care of Rosa. Rosa's late husband also left her in bad financial shape and she has one month to pay her delinquent taxes or she will lose her farm. She is very proud and refuses to ask for help from the community or from Adam. She depends on her income from selling eggs, but when an Englisher neighbor's dog begins to kill her chickens everything is put to the test. The miracle that God provides for Rosa is so completely unexpected. Such a great story about healing, learning to trust in God and not yourself or others and excepting love again.

Always Beautiful is about Becky Byler who is eighteen and overweight. Her insecurities and low self esteem has brought her to the side of a fast flowing creek. Becky is unable to swim and is considering taking her own life. She prays and asks God for a miracle...to make her thin. In just a few short months Becky loses the weight and the temptation that food had over her. She no longer compares herself to the other girls and feels she is as good as they are, she is even dating Matt, the most handsome boy in the community. Even though she is finally pleased with the way she looks she begins to realize that she does not like the person she has become. Through it all she has even lost her best friend Elam, who has always been the one person who always stood by her side and truly loved her for who she was. Is it too late for Becky to make things right? This a great story about self-image, pride and the realization that sometimes we have to learn lessons the hard way, but God's way is always the best and if we stay true to Him he works everything out for our good.

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## Susan says

ALWAYS IN MY HEART by Mary Ellis

Hope Bowman believes God is punishing her for giving up her firstborn son when she was a teenager. She's

hidden this secret from her husband, who is thankful for their daughters but longs for a son. Hope prays desperately, but the son God sends her isn't a new baby but the fifteen-year-old boy she gave up years ago.

Good story about facing your past. Hope has spent years wishing that she could have a son for her husband, but so far has had four daughters. She believes she is being punished because she gave up her firstborn for adoption. She had been sixteen when she was assaulted by a drunk Englisher, and her father believed the entire family was shamed by the event. He gave her no choice in the matter, and even forbid her to tell the man she eventually married. She has never gotten over the guilty feelings for not raising him herself.

She finally decides that the only way to make things right is to confess to her husband and then try to find her son. She had no idea how he would react, but hoped for his understanding and forgiveness for keeping such a secret. The reaction was not what she expected at first, but I loved seeing how their love and faith helped get through it quickly. The timing turned out to be very good because it wasn't long after that her son showed up at their house, wanting to find out about his birth mother.

I ached for Hope as she discovered that he wasn't adopted as she had been told, but has spent his entire life in a series of foster homes. This made her feel even more guilty. I also hurt for James, who had felt unwanted, and wanted to know why he had been "given away". It was very sweet to see how the Englisher boy was exposed to the Amish way of life, and the family's attempt to understand someone so very different. I loved the immediate acceptance they showed for him, and James's willingness to live by their rules while he was there.

Of course, he was only able to stay for a visit and had to go back to his foster family. But seeing James only strengthened Hope's desire to keep him in her life. I loved seeing her determination to make it happen and the support she got from her husband. I also liked that it wasn't resolved quickly and neatly, but had realistic obstacles to overcome. Hope also had to deal with her feelings of resentment toward her father and his part in the situation. His attitude was very harsh and I wasn't sure how things would work out with him. I thought that James had a very mature attitude toward him, and handled himself very well.

#### ALWAYS HIS PROVIDENCE by Ruth Reid

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Good story about not letting pride keep you from getting the help you need. Rosa's husband died in a fire that destroyed a neighbor's barn. At the time, she didn't know that he hadn't paid the property taxes on their farm. She supports herself by raising chickens and selling eggs, but getting enough to pay the taxes just isn't happening. If she doesn't come up with it soon, the county will take her land and sell it. Her neighbor Adam, who had been her husband's best friend, has been trying to watch out for her, but he doesn't know the trouble she's in.

Adam had also been in love with Rosa for years, but she had fallen for her husband first. Now Adam is also fighting guilty feelings, because his friend had died while saving Adam from the barn fire. Adam would really like to marry her, but is certain that she holds him responsible for her husband's death. He senses that something has Rosa very worried, but he can't get her to tell him what it is. When a dog starts attacking and killing her chickens, it threatens what little income she has. Suddenly her chances of paying the taxes are severely diminished.

I got very frustrated with Rosa's refusal to let anyone know that she was in trouble. The Amish community is very good at taking care of their own, but her pride wouldn't let her ask for help. She also had to deal with the neighbor on the other side, the Englischer whose dog is responsible for the deaths of her chickens. I understood her frustration at his uncooperative attitude. When she finally confessed her problem to Adam, he was determined to find a way to help her.

I loved seeing how he was able to get her to allow him to help her, by getting her to participate in what he was doing. It also gave him the chance to spend more time with her and start giving her an idea of his feelings. There was a lot of tension as they raced to find the funds to save the farm. The resolution was not what I expected, and assistance came from an unexpected source.

### ALWAYS BEAUTIFUL by Beth Wiseman

Becky Byler is eighteen and overweight. She is overwhelmed by the embarrassment she feels when comparing herself to other girls her age. Having lost all hope, she considers taking her own life. As she stands before rushing water, unable to swim, Becky begs God for a miracle. In just several months, Becky sees her prayers answered as food and temptation lose their hold over her. She's finally pleased with how she looks, but does she like the person she has become? And has the man she has dreamed of been right beside her all along, loving her exactly as she is?

Good story about learning to like yourself. Becky has been a character in the previous stories. She is always spoken of as being sweet and helpful, but also heavy. There were times when she was obviously unhappy. In this story, we see that her weight has affected the way she feels about herself, to the point where she is thinking about ending it all. Fortunately she doesn't take that step, but she finds the motivation to take control of her eating habits and starts losing weight.

She has always felt that her weight kept her from having any boyfriends. The only young man in her life is her friend Elam, with whom she spends quite a bit of time. But she looks at him just as a friend. As she begins to lose the weight, she gains the attention of a handsome young man that she has had a crush on.

Matt has been interested in Becky for awhile, but she never seemed interested in him. He has dated other girls, but nothing really stuck with him. He liked the fact that Becky seemed to be different than the others, not always so concerned with her appearance. As they started going out together and she continued to lose weight, the changes in her attitude began to bother him.

Becky's friend Elam is also interested in her as more than a friend, and is disappointed when she only wants to be friends. He had always liked her just as she was and tried to tell her that often. It hurts him to see her going out with Matt. He spends time with other girls, but really misses being with Becky.

Becky had a lesson to learn. She lost the weight she thought she had to, which gave her the confidence to believe that someone like Matt would want to date her. As she continued to lose weight, and her relationship with Matt went on, she discovered that it didn't make her as happy as she thought it would. It was interesting to see the reactions of the people around her and the effects it had on the way she felt. I liked the way that she began to realize that being happy with herself is what made her most appealing to others. She had quite a wake up call at the end when she realized that her insecurity may have lost her the one she really loved.

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### Janet says

Three short Amish Miracle stories that intertwine.

The first story is by Mary Ellis and is about Hope. Hope has been keeping a secret from everyone for almost 16 years, she decides it time to share that secret and this that story. I have a hard time believing that it could happen that way but but this was a fiction story.

The second story by Ruth Reid is about a widow, who again has a secret but once she unloads her burden things change. (this was my least favorite of the three).

The third story written by Beth Wiseman is about Becky Byler (we meet Becky in the first story), who is overweight but has a beautiful face. This is Becky's story - she asks God for a miracle (well...) and he provides but it doesn't turn out the way she wants it too - isn't that the truth for a lot of us when we decide we know what God is doing before he shows us what he is doing?

LOVE THE GOATS!

One of the things I liked it there wasn't too many extra characters brought in just for fluff purpose although I am still trying to understand the whole Lena thing, unless we will have a book about her in the future.

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## **Jalynn Patterson says**

About the Book:

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Award-winning, best-selling author Beth Wiseman is best known for her Amish novels, but her most recent novels, *Need You Now* and *The House that Love Built*, are contemporaries set in small Texas towns. Both have received glowing reviews. Beth's highly-anticipated novel, *The Promise*, is inspired by a true story. Twitter: @bethwiseman Facebook: Fans-of-Beth-Wiseman

Ruth Reid is a CBA and ECPA best-selling author of the *Heaven on Earth* series. She's a full-time pharmacist who resides in Florida with her husband and three children.

Mary Ellis grew up close to the eastern Ohio Amish community, Geauga County. Before "retiring" to write full-time, Mary taught middle school and worked as a sales rep for Hershey Chocolate. Mary is a CBA and ECPA best-selling author as well as an ACFW Carol Award finalist and runner-up for the 2010 Holt Medallion Award.

My Review:

*Always in My Heart* by Mary Ellis

Hope Bowman was asked as a young girl to do the unthinkable, to give up her newborn son for adoption. Not because he was an unwanted child but because her father didn't want to suffer any shame behind it. So for years she harbored this very sad secret so much so that she felt that God punished. She felt he punished her because she had given birth four times and every time the baby would turn out to be a girl. She and her husband wanted a little boy but every time proved to be in vain, because she would give birth to a girl instead. She had sent up dozens of prayers for a son, read along and see how God answered her prayers.

*Always His Providence* by Ruth Reid

Ruth somehow has always managed to keep her household running smoothly by selling her eggs. But now unless God steps in suddenly she will lose her home due to her taxes that have yet to be paid. She has refused her neighbor's help up to this point. Read along and see how God uses this in Ruth's life to glorify Him.

*Always Beautiful* by Beth Wiseman

Poor Becky Byler is an older teenage girl with a weight problem. Many people say that they don't understand why because she eats rabbit food alot (aka vegetables). In this novella she has chosen to take her life because she doesn't feel worthy for the life God has given her. Love will come to her but in the most unexpected way. Will she realize it before its too late?

Each of the stories in the book were very touching and heartfelt and even though these are stories about Amish women, I believe we can all relate to their circumstances. Many times the path God has chosen for us differs a great deal from the one we would of chosen for ourselves and this book is a perfect example of that. All three stories are intertwined, the main characters actually know each other. That is something I liked about the book, it makes it alot more interesting that way.

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

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### **Aliciabang says**

Good little Amish stories!

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### **Gail says**

#### **Three authors**

There are three very good stories by different authors in this book. All three have some of the same characters though the main ones are different. It was interesting to see how the authors did this.

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