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Rose Kauffman is engaged to Silas Good, a well-liked Amish fellow, so why does she still pine for Nick Franco, the former foster son of the bishop? Especially now that Nick has left the Amish community under a cloud of suspicion after the death of the bishop's biological son? Will Rose marry Silas, even while struggling with romantic feelings for Nick?

Meanwhile, Rose's older sister, Hen, has returned to live at her parents' farm with her young daughter. Hen and her modern husband, Brandon, are separated by mutual agreement, although he is threatening to sue for custody of their daughter if Hen does not return soon. Will the judge rule in Brandon's favor? Is there any way Hen can reestablish her place among the People without sacrificing her marriage?

## **The Judgment Details**

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## From Reader Review The Judgment for online ebook

### Maureen Timerman says

The Judgement is the continuing story of Rose Ann Kauffman and her family. Loved getting reacquainted with everyone. Rose Ann is now secretly engaged to Silas Good, her sister Hen and niece Mattie Sue are living in the Dawdi House. Her Mamm is still struggling with the constant pain from her accident. Rose is still missing Nick, and the Community is morning Christian.

Mattie Sue is missing her Dad, who won't accept that Hen misses the Simple Life. Don't know what the answer is going to be here. Brandon is adamant that he wants Mattie Sue to come home. He is threatening a divorce and custody.

I can't wait for the next book with the answers...some things looks so promising. I love absorbing myself into this family. Another great book from Beverly Lewis!

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### Audrey says

Life continues to be complicated for Hen and her younger sister Rose. Since Hen returned to live with the Amish and to live the Plain life, Brandon is determined to divorce her. Just as the divorce proceedings are starting, Brandon ends up in a serious accident leaving him blind as a result of a head injury. Hen takes him home to take care of him. Will this save their marriage or will Brandon continue to be determined to go on with the divorce?

Meanwhile Rose is engaged to marry Silas Good. Unfortunately another girl moved back to the community and Silas seems to be quite taken with her. At the same Rose cannot forget her old friend, Nick, who ran away from the Amish community. Rose needs to know where her and her fiancé's loyalties really lie.

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### Steven Walle says

A good read. More later on this book.  
Enjoy and Be Blessed.  
Diamond

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### Miriam says

This series continues to be pleasant with most of the things happening as you want them to. In this book, the remaining bad guy is smote by the god to suffer in blindness, while a psychic girl inspires and amazes... but don't worry, the author regularly makes sure you know that the bible backs up her visions as ok and not some hell-sent-witchery.

Vampire guy finds a tastier girl, and Mr. Werewolf is MIA, but I'm pretty sure things will all wrap up nicely in the next book.

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## Lauren says

This is the sequel to "The Thorn" (Book 1 in the Rose Trilogy).

The major highlights of the book for me include Rose Ann's courtship with Silas Goode, and Brandon and Hen's impending divorce.

Rebekah Bontrager, a childhood friend, returns to Lancaster County after her family had moved to Indiana. Known for being exceptionally beautiful, Rose Ann begins to have some worries when she sees her interactions with Silas. There's a lot more to this courtship that Rose Ann doesn't know yet...

Despite Hen's best efforts (and some surprising support from her family), Brandon becomes increasingly nasty towards her and blatantly refuses to have anything to do with the Amish. This leads to some vicious confrontations and poor Mattie Sue sometimes getting caught in the middle. But this tumultuous marriage isn't through just yet.

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## Carly says

I have, on several occasions, come into a series from somewhere other than the beginning. This usually is not a problem for me because so many authors are good at getting stragglers like me caught up on what has happened in the previous books. For some reason, The Judgment didn't do that very well. Throughout so much of the book, I felt like I was lost and trying to figure out what was going on. I just never felt engaged or really into the story. I think this would not have been a problem if I had read The Thorn first, but unfortunately, I will never know.

This book was pretty good, considering my being lost for some of it. I like Beverly's writing and her take on Amish fiction. This is a genre that I continue to warm up to and Beverly Lewis is a writer that I will certainly read again, but I think because of her writing style, I will be better off starting from the beginning of any future series. Overall, The Judgement is a good book. I'm sure fans of Beverly Lewis will really enjoy it and I can imagine myself being a Beverly Lewis fan after reading more from her.

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## Robin says

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This novel is the story of an Amish family that is torn apart by a mysterious accident to the main characters mother. The main story line is about 2 sisters and each one is finding her way through their family, faith and life. I found this to be a good character story that I breezed through quickly. I am glad I waited till all books were available before I started reading. That way I could finish within a brief period of time and not have to sit on pins and needles wondering what next. The characters are realistic and the events are realistic. Of course there are little things that seem less believable although when you know some things about the Amish being accepting of the Lord's Will and plan in their life, it is more understandable. This story has a climatic ending that made me want for more. I am sincerely thankful that Ms. Lewis writes series, because sometimes a writer can get you so caught up in the characters and their world that I hate to leave it. It was an enjoyable book from start to finish.

## Casey says

One of the things I love about Beverly Lewis's books are the characters. "The Judgment" is no surprise either. They are wonderfully crafted and stand from the page in full three dimension. I feel I could step into the story and pick right up with the characters, as well as I know them after reading these two books.

In the second book of The Rose Legacy, the reader picks up again with the characters and situations established in book one. I would recommend you read these books in order, you will have greater appreciation for the story as a whole.

There was a twist about two-thirds of the way through the story I never saw coming. I became invested in the emotions and circumstances of the characters and how they would tackle each challenge. Several of the story threads still need to be closed and I'm anxious to see the decisions made in the characters.

The plot can seem to meander, but Lewis has built a strong story and I know I will always be satisfied with where the story is headed. The story is building to a head and I am looking forward to finding out what happens in the third and final book out this fall.

This review is my honest opinion. Thanks to the publishers for my copy to review through CFBA.

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## Karen says

Rose is engaged to Silas, a neighboring farmer, but she still thinks about Nick, the foster son of the bishop who left the Amish life and didn't tell anyone where he was going. What about the new girl in town, Rebekah who seems to have an eye for Silas. And what about her older sister, Hannah, who has left her Englisher husband and moved back to her parent's Amish farm with their daughter.

I love all of Beverly Lewis's books, can't wait for the 3rd book in this series.

I know these are romantic fiction, which I don't usually read, but I really enjoy the Amish fiction, reading about the close families, helping others in the community, dependence on God and belief that whatever happens in life can be used by God for good.

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## Elizabeth Dyck says

Book 2 in the series and it just couldn't get better.

Rose has agreed to marry Silas Good who has been courting her for the last months. But she can't forget Nick, a friend that was closer then she realized. It was to late though, Nick was gone, perhaps forever.

Hen is facing her own problems. She realizes that she has created most of them herself. If she wouldn't have left her home to marry Brandon, she wouldn't be here today. Brandon has given her the choice of either a divorce or giving up her ideas of returning completely to the Amish.

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When Hen's time is up, she goes to her husbands' lawyer's office and waits for her husband there. The time is ticking away and he still doesn't arrive. Then they get the news: He has been in an accident and has been admitted to the hospital. The results are....(You will have to read the book if you want to know, because I'm am not going to tell you).

I liked this book just as much as the first one. The last book is coming right up.

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### **Christy Lockstein says**

The Judgment by Beverly Lewis is the second book in the Rose Trilogy. Rose Kauffman's Amish community is still recovering from the tragic death of Bishop Aaron Petersheim's son, Christian and foster son Nick Franco's running away. Rose's friendship with Nick makes her one of the few people not blaming Nick for Christian's death, but she's trying to focus on her new engagement to Silas Good. Elder sister Hen has returned home to live with her daughter Mattie Sue leaving her English husband, Brandon, behind. But he's furious over Hen's seeming betrayal and is beginning to file for divorce and full custody of Mattie Sue. Hen and Rose's mother Emma is still battling crippling pain from a decade old back injury, and the suffering seems to be leading her toward death. This historical Amish story, it takes place in 1985, is thoroughly compelling. Lewis shows that the Amish face the same problems the rest of us do: loving the wrong person, the death of a child, facing tragedy and pain, divorce and broken marriage. The difference is that these characters do it all while trying to remain within the will of God, making their decisions complex and often incredibly difficult. Hen is a bit wishy-washy, but she comes across as very real. How would an Amish woman who has married an English man in haste, deal with the natural differences that arise in marriage? How can she respect his authority as her husband and trust in God's will to be done when threatened with the loss of her daughter? Rose is also torn, between a good man she should love and a tormented man she shouldn't. Rose learns some lessons and gains maturity in this book as she really starts to evaluate her own feelings and acknowledge them. I was so sad to come to the last page of this book; I wasn't ready to say good-bye to the characters within. This just may be Lewis' finest work.

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### **Rebekah says**

I really enjoyed this book... although I kept getting frustrated with some of the characters, mainly Hen. Two wrongs do not make a right... leaving your husband because you are pining for your Amish past is not the right decision. No wonder her husband took the actions he did - I can't say I blame him, even though he made wrong decisions too!

Inspite of the characters making foolish decisions... this book was better than the first and I am looking forward to the resolution in the third book!!

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### **Laura says**

Title: THE JUDGMENT  
Author: Beverly Lewis  
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Genre: Inspirational/Amish/Women's fiction

Two Amish sisters, reunited by unforeseen circumstances...

Hen left the Amish years earlier to marry an English man, one that has completely destroyed—even forbidden—her to interact with her family. When Hen takes her four year old daughter and leaves her husband to return home to think, Brandon responds harshly, serving Hen with divorce papers, and threatening to take young Maggie and move near to his parents, and far from her.

Rose is promised to Silas, but she still can't forget dear Nick, who ran from the Amish community when his foster brother, Christian, is killed. But a new girl has returned to the community as well, and it appears that Silas has eyes for her...not so much for Rose. Plus, Rose's mother is worse, and it appears to be all Rose's fault.

With the family in deep turmoil, neither sister nor their father, Solomon, has a moment's rest. But when another tragedy occurs, it seems things will only get worse.

THE JUDGMENT is the second book in The Rose Trilogy by Beverly Lewis. I was looking forward to reading this book by my long time favorite Amish author and it didn't disappoint.

I felt for Rose, her sister, Rose, and for Solomon, all three main characters in this book. I was also glad that Nick made a brief appearance in this book. I can't wait for the third book in the series The Mercy, coming in September of this year. If you like Amish fiction you will want to read this book, beginning with the first book in the series, The Thorn. THE JUDGMENT doesn't stand alone. \$14.99. 330 pages.

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## Jerry says

### A Quickie Review

The story in this one is a little bit better than usual, but everything else is just more of the same, though that isn't a bad thing. I'm curious to see how Ms. Lewis will wrap the series up in the series' finale. As I said in my review of the first book: "If you've read any of Beverly Lewis' Amish books, you know what to expect, and that's what you'll get from this book."

**Score: 4.25/5**

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## Morgan Allen says

The second book in the series did not disappoint! The story drags just a bit towards the middle but the ending was well worth the wait. Heartwarming and charming storyline. Eager to read book 3!

Favorite Quotes: “Sometimes God says yes, or no, or maybe- or wait for a while longer... And sometimes the prayers we pray help change \*us\* most of all.”

“Happiness isn’t wanting what you can get, but wanting what you have.”

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