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USA Today recently hailed award-nominated author Amanda Flower for *A Plain Death*, calling it “the first Amish rom-com . . . bring on the next one!” As the enthusiastic reviews continue to mount, she’s back with her third Appleseed Creek mystery, *A Plain Disappearance*.

It’s Christmastime in Amish Country, and Chloe Humphrey has begun settling into her life in Appleseed Creek excited to see where her new relationship with Timothy Troyer will lead. Unfortunately it leads to murder when the couple discovers the body of Amish teenager Katie Lambright while on their first date.

Near the scene there is evidence that Timothy’s friend and auto mechanic Billy Thorpe is involved with the crime. The police reveal Billy is not really who he said he was and has been living the last decade in Knox County under a stolen alias. Now, Chloe and Timothy must find Billy, bring him to justice, or prove his innocence.

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Angie says

Absolutely a great series! Enjoyed the characters and the growth between them through the series. It's funny how Chloe has become a "help" with the police department. Highly recommend this series!

Carol says

Like her more recent ones better.

Cyndi says

I didn't realize this was part of a series so I need to read the first book. I read alot of Amish fiction but this one didn't hold my interest as much as others did. The story wasn't bad but the writing seemed more high school which may be the intended target audience. Just wasn't my cup of tea. Maybe if I read the series in order I will change my mind.

Shirley Chapel says

This was a cozy mystery that geared up my suspicions . Early on in the book a murder takes place and readers find Chloe and Timothy assisting Chief Rose in trying to gather evidence from the Amish in hopes of solving the case and arresting the murderer. There's lots of action in A Plain Disappearance. The person you would least expect becomes a prime suspect when the chief discovers he isn't who people thought he was. Lots of surprises are in store for you if you read this book.

I liked that the author finally brings Chloe and Timothy together as they begin courting as a couple. Beth makes a decision on whether she will return to her Amish roots or leave the plain lifestyle for good. This book kept me riveted to the pages and at times it was an edge of the seat nail biting cozy murder mystery. Just the way I like a cozy mystery to be.

Readers of cozy mystery and fans of Amanda Flower will love this book. In fact I would recommend the entire series to you. I've enjoyed the first three books I've read and look forward to A Plain Malice. I highly recommend this series .

Shari Larsen says

This is the third book of the Appleseed Creek Mystery series. As this story opens, computer tech Chloe Humphrey is on her first date with Timothy Troyer, a contractor who was raised Amish. The enjoyable day of sleigh riding takes a dark turn when they find the body of a young Amish girl near an abandoned barn. Near the scene of the crime is evidence that Timothy's friend, auto mechanic Billy Thorpe, may be involved with the crime. Of course, chief of police Greta Rose is called, but Chloe and Timothy decide to do some investigating of their own, to find Billy and bring him to justice, or prove his innocence.

I really enjoyed this book; a couple of times, I thought I had a good idea of who the killer was, but an unexpected twist near the end really surprised me. My favorite characters from the first two books are back too, including Grandfather Zook, and Chloe's Siamese cat Gigabyte. I also like how the author is handling the romance between Timothy and Chloe; it's not rushed, it unfolds in a very realistic way with the timing.

I'm hoping there will be 4th book in this series. While the murder mystery was wrapped up at the end, there is still much to tell of Chloe's own personal story.

Jill says

I ended up really liking the characters.

Debbie says

"A Plain Disappearance" by Amanda Flower is another five star story in (An Appleseed Creek Mystery). I think this book is my favorite of the series.

Like the other books, this could be a stand alone novel but it is enhanced by reading the other 2 novels first.

"A Plain Disappearance " starts out with Timothy and Chloe on a sleigh ride, enjoying the day. All too soon their joy is spoiled by discovering a body in the snow. While waiting on the police chief to arrive, they also discovered that Timothy's best friend, Billy may be the one responsible for the death!

Billy has disappeared, so Timothy and Chloe are on the hunt to find him. When they do find him, they learn he isn't really who he says he is, but that doesn't mean he is the killer! There are a lot of scary moments when they finally catch up to where Billy has hidden!

The best part in this book is what happens to Curt,(one of the English boys set on causing trouble).

The ending in all three books were a surprise to me, but I have to say this ending was a Big Surprise. I had no clue who was the murderer. The twists and turns in this story kept me turning the pages!

The ending left me wanting more in the series.

I haven't been disappointed in any of this author's books that I have read and am looking forward to reading more from her!

Mercedes Cordero says

This is a very entertaining book; a very light read with really well developed characters that make the book fun and interesting. Chloe is bright, bold and a risk taker. Her roommate (and Timothy's sister) Becky is vivacious, fun but conflicted. Chief Rose is very unique in her own way, tough, brash and strong. Tanisha, Chloe's best friend, is funny and smart. Grandpa Zook (Timothy's grandfather) is a wonderfully colorful

character, as well as most of the family. Chloe as the lead and these secondary characters make the series and this book in particular a great read.

However, Timothy, the male lead, stands in contrast with the rest: he is calmer, a little bit of a pushover and somewhat bland. He is very romantic and sweet, but with so many interesting characters in the book, Timothy stands apart lacking the depth and intriguing factor that the rest have. Even the troublemaker, Brock, who in the past and along with his best friend has made Chloe's and Becky's life miserable, has a great side story that was a nice, unexpected twist in the story.

As well as in the first two books of this series, we have a murder and Chloe in the right place at the right time for the murder's discovery. The way the author writes, the mystery is always fun to unravel and intriguing. It does have some slight suspense, but this is not a book that will keep you on the edge of your seat. However, that does not take away from the book and your enjoyment of it. The fact that the action develops too slowly is what can frustrate you. Since it is a simple murder mystery, with a couple of red herrings, a few side stories are to be expected and welcomed. And here we have a very endearing one, very unexpected and surprisingly sweet showing God's mercy in using us to impact others with our example even with the people we least expect it. That side story alone is worth reading through parts that just seem to drag the main story. But, even though some of the narration reads as if the author was just trying to lengthen the story, no side story here is a filler. Each one complements the main story nicely.

Also nice, at least in the beginning, is the romance between Chloe and Timothy and the charming attraction between Becky and Aaron. It is very evident that Timothy is very much in love with Chloe, and he is so sweet to her. But that relationship has been developing since the first book and by now it's just moving painfully slow. The attraction between Becky and Aaron, Timothy's best friend, is much more interesting and would make a great main story for another book.

Although the author follows the same line as before, casting a dark shadow over some Amish characters, this time around the Amish are presented in a better, more flattering light. It is not common to find an author willing to explore the unfriendly side of the Amish, at least not to the extent author Amanda Flower has, so it is a different, interesting take.

This is the third book in the Appleseed Creek Mystery series, and it is pretty evident, but it can be read alone. However, I would highly recommend to read them all and in order, not only because they are quite good, but also because the reader can best appreciate the characters' growth and development that way.

A Plain Disappearance is a very enjoyable murder mystery, with a very nice message of God's work in us and through us.

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Dawn says

Another wonderful book! Now to find the next book in the series.

Jerry says

The ending could have been better, but, Amanda Flower has delivered once again with the third outing in the series. Will there be another one?

Nancee says

Christmas was fast approaching, and as the snow was drifting down around them Chloe and Timothy took a leisurely sleigh ride through the Amish countryside. Timothy stopped the sleigh near an old barn in order to give Chloe her Christmas gift. Suddenly Timothy's dog became alert to something and launched herself toward the old barn with Timothy and Chloe following close behind. Their joy turned to shock at the discovery of a young Amish woman frozen in the snow. Chloe is not new to working with the local police chief, and at the police chief's request Chloe's focus becomes finding out what actually happened to the Amish teen. Autopsy results proved she was murdered, and as she seeks information relating to the murder Chloe encounters unsettling circumstances as the investigation progresses.

Amanda Flower has created a complex murder mystery centered in the middle of Amish country. Numerous themes are interwoven throughout this suspense-filled mystery. Family dynamics and dysfunctional family elements come into play, and the dismay over a family member leaving the Amish faith is encountered. The importance of faith and hope also play important roles. The author has created humorous moments which relieve the tension at the most unexpected times. A suspense-filled, action-packed mystery, A Plain Disappearance is also a delightful story of romance and healing. Numerous issues are blended so effortlessly, I look forward to more of Amanda's heartwarming romantic Amish suspense! Well done!

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Alyssa White says

Another great read. Amanda Flower really captures the essence of all the characters she works with and really handles their emotions so well. You really get sucked into her books.

Susan says

Love this series!

Melina says

This was my first visit to Appleseed Creek. This is a series that you need to read in order, I was a little lost. But other than that, I enjoyed this book. Trouble seems to follow Chloe wherever she goes. Her and her boyfriend, Timothy Troyer, find a the body of local Amish girl, Katie Lambright. Chief Rose asks Chloe to talk to the Amish community to see what she can find out from them. Chloe and Timothy get themselves into some dangerous situations trying to find the killer. There is also more to the story than the mystery of who killed Katie Lambright. Becky Troyer is still trying to decide if she wants to be English or Amish. Filled with

a great cast of characters this is a book that not only Amish fiction fans will enjoy, but mystery fans also. Great job Amanda.

I received a complimentary copy of this book for my honest review.

Mary Reed says

I enjoyed this third book in the Appleseed Creek series. Chloe seems to have a tendency to stumble upon dead bodies. Looking forward to reading the final book in the series.
