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When real life isn't as ideal as the picture painted in letters, can two young people set aside the images they created and learn to love each other's true selves?

Jalon Chupp has a past he isn't proud to claim. He's worked hard to overcome his youthful mistakes, and he has recommitted himself to his faith. As he sees other members of his close-knit Amish community marry and start families, he thinks he may be ready to follow that same path. Remembering a girl he grew up with, Phoebe Bontrager, who moved to Indiana a few years ago, he writes her a letter, striking up a pen pal relationship. But when he invites her to visit him in Birch Creek, Ohio, she resists.

Phoebe has kept her relationship with Jalon a secret, knowing her parents wouldn't approve of the man with a troubled past. When her mother plays matchmaker, Phoebe sneaks away to Birch Creek and stays with her older brother Asa and his new wife, Abigail. As Phoebe and Jalon spend more time together, they discover they have misrepresented themselves in their letters and begin to worry that maybe their relationship was not meant to be. In order to reach past the perfect images they created in their letters, both Phoebe and Jalon must put their faith in something—or Someone—bigger than either of them could imagine.

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Raechel says

4.5 Stars

The idea of a book about letters immediately caught my attention – I love letter-writing. :)

This was an incredibly sweet story. And actually my first Amish fiction. The genre isn't really my taste, but this book surprised me. It was really good – the story was really good.

I just loved how it started out with letters written between the two characters. There were pages of them, and I so loved that! And even when it melted into third-person telling, it was still captivating. I wanted to know what was going to happen between the two characters and their backstories.

It was a sweet love-story. And not without trials, either! There were several bumps and misunderstandings, making it real.

Even though I wasn't extremely like the main character, I could still connect with her, and that made the reading all the more enjoyable.

All in all, it was a very sweet romance story. Clean, yet with realistic problems and lessons, some Faith-filled hope, and great characters. :)

I'm hoping to read the next book in this series when it comes out. :)

First posted on my blog: [https://godspeculiartreasurerae.wordpress...](https://godspeculiartreasureriae.wordpress.com)

Lori says

I must say I almost was brought to tears in this wonderful novel. Kathleen has a great talent in making you want to stay glued to this book!

I loved how she brings people together and it shows in her love of writing.

I loved several scenes in this book as well. Love binds family in more ways than one. Love is a strong emotion and Phoebe is a steller person in this regard.

Again I will say very strongly I hate bullies! Bishop Weaver is such a person. I hate that because we all make mistakes in our lives.

We all have skeletons in our closet and I love that Phoebe tries to right hers. We also have a past that we are burdened with and with God's love and help we can try to overcome that.

Too bad that Bishop Weaver didn't see it that way.

I'm going for Jalon to be my hero. He's the best man for the job.

Even Jalon had some skeletons to overcome and Phoebe and Adam were the right people for the job.

God has a way of intervening at just the right times and the author has shown us that in this beautiful novel.

I think I finished this book in three days it was this good!

Sometimes it takes people to learn things the hard way and I'm definitely guilty of this! Phoebe and Jalon learn things the hard way! But, I also think in a good way!

I strongly recommend this book for people who love reading Amish stories and who love Kathleen Fuller

Lindsey (Books for Christian Girls) says

About this book:

While not my favorite Amish story, this one was good and had some Spiritual Content that was nice to see. The ending did seem a bit rushed, but I liked how it all worked out. The letters at the beginning was so fun and I feel like that gave us a taste of the main two characters personalities before seeing their POVs. Phoebe was a neat character and I liked her bubblyness. I probably won't continue this series due to time commitments, but this one was pretty clean so that was nice.

Link to review:

<https://booksforchristiangirls.blogspot...>

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Deanne Patterson says

Written in Love (Amish Letters, #1

A misdelivered letter starts a penpal communication between Phoebe and Jalon. Several chapters in the beginning of the book were in letter form as they communicated with each other. Those feelings developed into something more than friendship though. This book is a bit darker than some Amish books, it's not just the good times here. Phoebe and Jalon both have hurting hearts from errors made in their youthful pasts. They both struggle deeply with these and are not sure how to tell each other about their past. When you love someone you can not let the past hold you back though. This books shows how they work together in love, understanding and faith to overcome the past and make a faith filled life together. I am looking forward to reading the rest of the series and revisiting the characters that have become like friends.

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Maureen Timerman says

Ok, I just finished this book, and I am sad that it is over, yes, it is one of those books you never want to end, and will linger with you.

The thought of mail going to the wrong person, is perfect, and that it goes to another Amish person, is wild, but what a great premise for a story, and it is and thus begins a letter writing courtship, without the participants even realizing they are doing so. The letter writers are both holding secrets, ones that may make the other not want to be with them, but they do withhold them at first.

We see with some other characters in this book that try to live their faith at the detriment of others, and they don't seem to care how much they hurt others, which will make you rather sad and angry.

This is one book you don't want to miss, and by the sounds of it there may be more in this same line of topic, I sure hope so.

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

Diamond Jones says

I had to wait a day before writing my review. I really didn't want this book to end. It was so different and also something that could actually occur and I loved it. Phoebe received a letter addressed to someone else. Instead of throwing it out, she mailed it back to it's sender. Jalon (who I loved in this book) responded back to her and there friendship began through letters.

Both Phoebe and Jalon were hiding shameful secrets and feeling low about themselves. Even with this going on writing got them both through the day. When the two finally met in person things quickly go back and forth from rocky to good.

Kathleen Fuller created an amazing story with new characters you will love. Leanna outspoken and daring grew on me. Malachi will keep a smile on your face throughout the whole book. Adam and Karen I also like and I'm hoping book #2 will focus on those two. I'm sure it's more to learn there than what was said.

If you are looking for a touching & heart warming story, Written in Love will give you that and more!!!!

Paula-O says

I like this author Kathleen Fuller who wrote the book Written in Love.

The story starts out with letters that were misdirected and a man chose to answer to the sender .

Jalon Chupp is a lonely man and soon finds lot of interest in the woman who begins writing back, she is amish as is he and they have things in common.

Phoebe is a young woman with a child and lives with an aunt who is very strict. Love does not abound in this home but she and her young son are appreciative of a roof over their heads and food to eat. yet....it would be nice if there could be Love and fun at times.

The letters become so important and Phoebe keeps them to herself not telling her aunt.

Do you think someone can fall in love ...through letters?

You will like reading this story, I did.

Rebekah Tooley says

Wow! Just. Wow! Kathleen Fuller is an extremely talented author. This book started with 2 people writing letters, and when that captivated me, and that never happens! I just couldn't put it down!

Lucy says

This book shows that nothing happens by chance, but God has a plan and a purpose. A postal error creates circumstances that cause Phoebe and Jalon to become pen pals. Each are concealing past sins that they are living in the shadow of. Can they find forgiveness from the other and from themselves? This book delves deeper than most Amish books to show flawed characters that are moving beyond the past to a brighter future. They are believable and well written, as well as easy to identify with. I didn't want it to end. Kathleen

Fuller has the ability to grab our attention from the beginning and keep us turning pages quickly till the end. I look forward to the next book in this series.

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Jen. says

Written in Love is the first book in Kathleen's Fuller's newest series, Amish Letters. A new friendship is born when a post office error delivers the wrong mail to Phoebe's aunt's mailbox. Soon, Jalon and Phoebe are writing to each other as often as possible and he quickly asks to meet her. Phoebe hesitates, but why?

Their first face-to-face meeting doesn't go as Jalon has planned and their friendship is greatly tested. Can Phoebe and Jalon work thru the shames of the past they both harbor to create a new life for themselves?

The journey Phoebe and Jalon take is a beautiful one, filled with doubt, guilt and forgiveness. The characters are wonderful, giving a special nod to the supporting cast...and two super well written villains.

The romance is tender and sweet, paced just perfectly. While most of the book is serious and sometimes sad, the ending will bring closure and, in my opinion, happiness to those who read it.

Five well deserved stars! Highly recommend! Can't wait to read the rest of the series!

Kav says

I am quite captivated by novels that include letter writing so this series really appeals to me. **Written in Love** is the first book in An Amish Letters Novel series and I love the way the author has set the stage for future novels. (At least I hope I'm right in making that assumption.) Because this story is filled with engaging characters and now that I have a feel for this close knit Amish community I can't wait to learn more.

Jalon and Phoebe's love story is sandwiched between a series of fast and furious letter writing. Loved the way the letters morphed into something so much more and yet for all that is said, even more is left unsaid and that leads to no end of complications.

Fuller has crafted an emotional tale of love and longing and the desperate need to be accepted. Both hero and heroine have made mistakes in their past that not only shadow their present but threaten to destroy their future. Finding their happily ever after involves digging deeper into their faith. Actually allowing the peace that comes from fully accepting God's mercy to work a change in their lives so that a relationship based on faith and love can flourish.

A compulsive kind of read that inspires and delights with promise of more to come in future novels.

Kristin says

Written in Love is the first (amazing!) book in the Amish Letters series by Kathleen Fuller. I really enjoy reading books by this author because I feel like she writes characters that are flawed and realistic. I think at this point, everyone knows I have a soft spot for flawed characters. I have a deep connection with characters that have made mistakes and are in need of healing, emotionally, spiritually or physically. I appreciate when an author breaches that divide between fiction and real life by creating authentic realism in his or her characters. Kathleen possesses the ability to do that so perfectly.

Unlike many in the Amish genre, this book tackles hard subjects such as verbal abuse, unplanned pregnancy, and alcoholism. I also appreciate that while love is an important theme in this book—the author doesn't use it as a catalyst for change or for redemption. I felt that the author did a great job at showing that forgiveness comes from the Lord. Then, after we have repented and sought forgiveness from the Lord, we have to learn to forgive ourselves.

I was captivated by this story from the start and couldn't put it down. I read it from start to finish without pause. If you're like me and love a large dose of realism and plenty of redeeming grace—I strongly suggest this book.

Absolutely a five-star start to the Amish Letters series. I can't wait to pick up the next installment! The Promise of a Letter is expected to release on August 15, 2017.

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Leah says

This was an emotional story. The main characters, Jalon and Phoebe, had past mistakes that they had to work through. I enjoyed the journey each of them went on; it was a rough ride. I like the ending; I wasn't expecting everything that happened.

Brittany says

Written in Love is the first book in the new Amish Letters series by Kathleen Fuller. A portion of this story takes place in Birch Creek, so readers (like me) who loved the Amish of Birch Creek series will be happy to recognize the setting and a few familiar faces.

I really loved this book! The characters had heart. They were deep. They had issues that they were trying to work out and events from their pasts to overcome. I found both Phoebe and Jalon to be very likable characters, who sometimes still struggled to have faith that God had good plans for their lives.

The book began with letters exchanged between Jalon and Phoebe and that was such a fun way to get to know these two characters! The rest of the story kept me intrigued and I had trouble setting this novel down. There were a handful of side characters in this story and they were all fun to get to know, as well. I'm really looking forward to reading more books in this series.

I received a complimentary copy of this book. All thoughts and opinions are my own.

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

Kristi says

I've never read a Kathleen Fuller book I didn't love. *Written in Love* is a wonderful addition to my "Kathleen Fuller books I love" list. A unique story told in an original way made this story interesting and riveting. This was a book I just could not put down.

Written in Love tells the story of Phoebe and Jalon who meet when Phoebe accidentally receives a letter Jalon had sent to someone else. The two form a friendship of sorts by becoming pen pals. The book starts out with a series of letters written between the two. I loved the unusual way this story began. It was a neat way of being introduced to the characters and getting to know them.

The storyline of this book is great. I enjoyed the realness of it. Not everything is rosy for these two and this made me like them even more. They struggle with their friendship and different things in their lives but this just made the story more real for me. This book showcases the fact that the Amish don't lead perfect lives and they have struggles and issues just like everyone else.

In her typical way, Kathleen Fuller has written a book with characters who are realistic and a story that is compelling and heart-wrenching. This is a must-read book for fans of the genre.

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