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Do We Always Choose Love?

Wanda Brunstetter's THE DECISION

Launches New Amish Series for Shiloh Run Press

Uhrichsville, OH—When a man's heart is broken, he'd best move on. So in ***The Decision***, *New York Times* bestselling author Wanda E. Brunstetter's March novel, Jonah Miller makes the difficult decision to leave his friends and family in Pennsylvania to start life anew in the prairie state of Illinois. The launch book in a new series from "Amish Country's Most Beloved Storyteller" and Shiloh Run Press illustrates once again the depth and breadth of Wanda's knowledge and respect for the Amish culture.

Readers first met Jonah in Wanda's 2014 Discovery series, which ended well for the woman he loved—but not for Jonah. Once he arrives in Arthur, Ill., he doesn't take long to open up a buggy shop. He makes new friends quickly, including Elaine Schrock, who, orphaned at an early age and raised by her grandparents, is grieving over the recent passing of her grandfather. In the Amish way, Jonah reaches out to help Elaine.

Although Jonah is reluctant to risk loving again, he finds his feelings growing for Elaine daily. Just when Elaine begins to feel that she might have a future with Jonah, she learns that her beloved grandmother is diabetic and has quickly advancing dementia. Elaine doesn't know if she can be the wife Jonah needs and still care for her grandmother.

The news doesn't diminish Jonah's desire to marry Elaine—he shows her in word and deed he's eager to help her with her burdens. So do her friends, Leah and Priscilla. But none of Elaine's friends understands the exhausting demands of caring for her grandmother. Should she marry Jonah now, put off a wedding until her grandmother passes—or set him free to build a family with someone else? She knows good-hearted

Jonah has been helping widowed Sarah Stutzman, who has challenges of her own, with her two-year-old son, Mark. Would Jonah be better off with Sarah?

In writing ***The Decision***, Wanda drew on the heartache she experienced after her mother was diagnosed with dementia and died two years ago at the age of 88.

“Writing Elaine’s story was awfully close to home,” Wanda said, “but sometimes the best stories for our readers are those that make authors live through difficult times like this again.”

Wanda explained that when the Amish have a loved one with dementia, they don’t put them in a nursing home. The family and others in the community rally around them and care for them until the end, whatever the sacrifice.

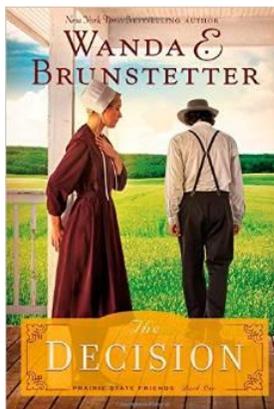
“I didn’t tie up everything in a neat bow in this book,” Wanda said, describing how she had grown as an author in writing ***The Decision***. “I always try to give my readers something more with each book.”

The second story in the series, ***The Gift***, will be published in August.

A resident of Yakima, Wash., Wanda is the author of more than 60 books. She became fascinated with the Amish way of life when she first visited her husband Richard’s Mennonite relatives. The Brunstetters have Amish friends in several states and enjoy visiting them throughout the year.

Wanda’s novels have appeared on such bestseller lists as the *New York Times*, *Publishers Weekly*, CBA, ECPA and CBD. The winner of *RT Book Reviews* magazine’s 2013 Career Achievement Award for Inspirational Fiction, she and her husband winter in their Sarasota, Fla., home.

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