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Discussion Questions for *The Storekeeper's Daughter*

1. Naomi Fisher was a devoted daughter, determined to keep the deathbed promise she made to her mother. What did Naomi's unwillingness to see Caleb without her father's permission reveal about her? How did Naomi show love and caring to her siblings? How did she show love towards her father?

2. What did Naomi's behavior after her brother was kidnapped reveal about her character? Was her guilt justified? What are some ways that people deal with their guilt?

3. Abraham Fisher was a caring man who loved his family, despite his controlling, sometimes harsh ways. Was Abraham's behavior and unforgiving spirit toward Naomi after Zach's disappearance justified? How might he have handled the situation in a better way?

4. How did Abraham finally come to grips with his anger and unforgiving spirit? Was who instrumental in helping Abraham realize that He must forgive the kidnapper, Naomi, himself, and God?

5. When Jim Scott kidnapped Zach, he told himself that he had done it out of love for his wife. He even convinced himself that he might have done the Amish family a favor because they had too many children and no mother to help raise them. At one point Jim even thought that fate might have led him to the Amish farm that day. Do you believe God would have allowed a tragedy such as the kidnapping of an innocent child to occur? Could God use a situation like this to bring about something good? Do you think a person's anger or unforgiving spirit can get in the way of God working in that person's life?

6. Naomi came to a point of desperation when she decided to run away from home. What do you think was her darkest moment?

7. When did Naomi begin to climb out of the darkness and accept God's forgiveness?

8. How did Naomi's friendship with Ginny affect the way she felt about herself? Was their friendship helpful to Ginny in any way?

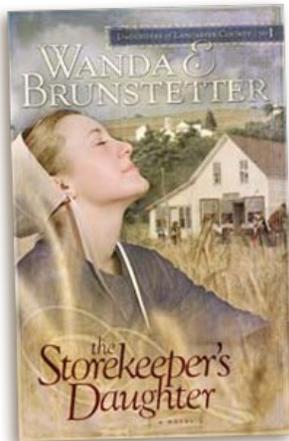
9. Caleb Hoffmeir was a man of patience, and he proved that by waiting to court Naomi and by trying to convince her father to allow him to do so. Was it Caleb's pride that made him call off his marriage to Naomi when he injured his hand, or did his love for Naomi cause him to make such a decision?

10. What does Caleb agreeing to sell his buggy shop and buy Abraham's store show about him as a person? In what ways did Caleb grow during this story?

11. Abraham's friend, Jacob Weaver, reminded Abraham that God's ways are not our ways. He encouraged Abraham to pray for the man who had kidnapped Zach. Do you believe that healing can only occur when one forgives?

12. *The Storekeeper's Daughter* is a story of love, forgiveness, acceptance, and redemption. What spiritual or emotional lessons did you learn from reading the book?

13. Has reading *The Storekeeper's Daughter* helped you gain a better understanding of the Amish people? If so, in what way?



Wanda Brunstetter is an award-winning romance novelist who has led millions of readers to lose their heart in the Amish life. She is the author of almost 50 books with more than 5 million copies sold. Many of her books have landed on the top bestseller lists, including the *New York Times*, *Publisher's Weekly*, *CBA*, *ECPA*, and *CBD*. Wanda is considered one of the founders of the Amish fiction genre, and her work has been covered by national publications, including *Time Magazine* and *USA Today*.

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