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Lose Your Heart in the Amish Life.

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Discussion Questions for *The Quilter's Daughter*

1. Abby Miller was a self-sacrificing daughter. What were her reasons for being so giving? Are Christians always supposed to set their own needs aside in order to minister to others? Is there such a thing as being too self-sacrificing?

2. Abby believed that the reoccurring dream she had, was a warning of what was to come. She blamed herself for Lester's death and felt that if she had heeded the dream warning he would have been spared. Do you believe that God ever warns us of coming events through our dreams? How would you respond to a reoccurring dream you felt was a warning?

3. Was Abby's self-recrimination over the fire in her quilt shop justified? Was she really the one to blame? If not, who was at fault, or was it merely an accident?

4. What motivated Jim Scott to get rid of Zach's Amish baby quilt? Did his guilt over the kidnapping lessen because he gave the quilt away? What is God's answer for our guilt?

5. Linda Scott changed in many respects during this book. How did she change, and what brought about those changes? How did Jim deal with the changes he saw in his wife?

6. When Abraham Fisher's wife gave birth to twins, he made the comment that God had taken away one son and given him two. Do you believe God was responsible for the disappearance of Abraham's son, Zach? Or did God merely allow it to happen? Can you think of an incident in your life when God allowed something bad to happen but healed your grief with something good?

7. How did Naomi deal with the loss of her little brother? Was she justified in feeling that her father had forgotten about Zach when his sons were born? Was Naomi right to confront him on this? Is it always better to let others know the way we feel about things?

8. In order to deal with the pain of her loss, Abby drove herself to work harder and avoided most social situations. What are some ways people choose to deal with the pain of a traumatic event? Is there a right or a wrong way? How does God want us to deal with painful situations?

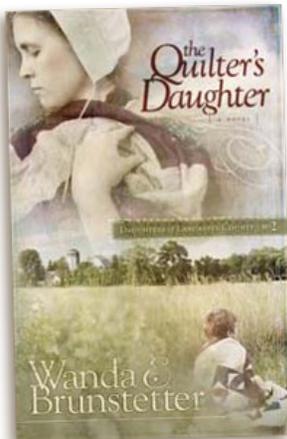
9. What do you think would have happened if Fannie would have insisted that Abby return to her quilt shop in Ohio sooner? Was Fannie right to feel guilty when Abby lost everything?

10. How did Abby saving a young boy's life change her perspective on things? Do you believe God directs us to be in certain places at certain times? Or do you feel that everything happens by coincidence or because of our own choices?

11. When Abby gave Naomi the quilt that had once been Zach's, Naomi decided to keep it from her father because she didn't want to upset him or get his hopes up. Is it ever right to hide the truth from someone because we are trying to protect them?

12. What did you learn from Abby's experiences in *The Quilter's Daughter*?

13. Are there any positive aspects to the Amish way of life that you could incorporate into your own life?



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