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Lose Your Heart in the Amish Life.

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Discussion Questions for *Allison's Journey*

1. When Allison received a bus ticket to Missouri for her birthday, she felt as if her father wanted to send her away. Have you ever received a gift that made you feel sad or unappreciated? If so, how did you respond?
2. Was Aaron's reason for not wanting to get married justified? Has fear of losing someone ever kept you from developing a relationship with them?
3. Allison remembered very little about her mother and nothing at all about her mother's death. Do you think she blotted this out of her memory in order to spare herself of the pain? What are some ways people deal with the death of a loved one?
4. Why did Allison's Aunt Catherine treat her in such a harsh way? How much of our childhood affects our adult life and the way we treat others? Do we have a choice in how we let the things that happen in our childhood affect us when we become adults?
5. Why did Allison feel as if she would never find a man who would be willing to marry her? Do you think if Allison's mother had lived, Allison would have felt more secure as a woman?
6. Allison told her Aunt Mary that she felt faceless like her doll. Have you ever felt faceless or spiritually empty inside? What did Allison do to change the way she felt about herself?
7. Aaron called his step-father by his first name, while Aaron's two brothers called their stepfather, "Papa." Was Paul bothered by Aaron's refusal to call him "Papa?" Who did it bother the most?

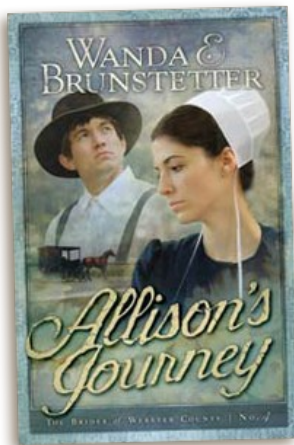
8. Aaron's real father had promised that Aaron could have the harness shop someday, but Aaron was afraid his stepfather might turn the shop over to Aaron's younger brother, Joseph. Was Aaron justified in this belief? Have you ever felt threatened by one of your siblings or thought they were favored by one or both of your parents? How did this affect your relationship with your sibling or your parents?

9. Like all other Amish children, Aaron ended his formal education after the eighth grade and began working full-time at the harness shop. How would you have done if you had quit school at that point in your life?

10. What is the most important thing Allison learned in this book? What verse of Scripture helped her learn this lesson?

11. What did you learn about the Amish way of life by reading *Allison's Journey*?

12. Did reading this book enhance your journey with God? If so, how?



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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