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Lose Your Heart in the Amish Life.

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Discussion Questions for *Going Home*

1. Faith Stutzman had been raised in the simple Amish life, yet, because she felt unaccepted and misunderstood, when Faith was eighteen, she chose to run away and become an entertainer. Did you ever feel misunderstood or unaccepted when you were growing up? Were you ever tempted to run away?
2. Noah Hertzler was often ridiculed by his father and older brothers because he liked to bake and help his mother in the kitchen. Do you think the un-acceptance Noah received from his family was the reason he'd never had a serious relationship with a woman? What are some ways people are affected by their parent's disapproval? How can we rise above that without running away or doing something we'll regret later on?
3. When Faith returned to her Amish home in Seymour, Missouri, with her young daughter in tow, she did not tell her parents the real reason she'd come home. Is it ever right to keep the truth from someone because you're afraid of their reaction? Was Faith justified in pretending to be Amish again when she planned to go back on the road?
4. What was the reason Faith's parents disapproved of her joke-telling and yodeling? Could they have kept Faith from leaving home when she was eighteen if they'd handled things differently?
5. Noah's boss, Hank, had a hard time communicating with his wife about his desire to adopt a baby, and she had a difficult time sharing her feelings with him as well. How can a lack of communication, bridge a gap between husband and wife, and what can be done to prevent misunderstandings due to a lack of communication?
6. Faith's mother and Noah's mother conspired to try and get Noah and Faith together, hoping it would keep Faith from leaving the Amish faith again. Is it ever right to play matchmaker when one's motives are purely selfish?
7. Fully intending to leave her daughter and go back to entertaining, Faith became frustrated when things kept preventing her from leaving Webster County. Do you believe that God put those roadblocks in Faith's path to keep her from making another mistake, or do you think the things that prevented Faith from leaving were purely coincidental?

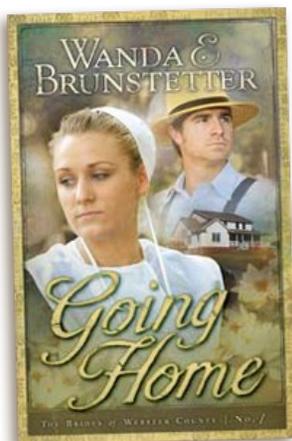
8. In what way did Faith's friend Barbara help Faith feel accepted for who she was? Have you ever known someone who tried to be your friend even if you didn't particularly want them to? Is it ever right to try and force a friendship on someone? Is that what Barbara was doing, or was she merely trying to offer Faith support and encouragement because she knew Faith needed a friend?

9. How did Melinda accept her new way of life as an Amish child when she'd spent her first six years living in the English world? Do you think it was fair of Faith to expect her daughter to adjust to a way of life that she herself had left behind and wasn't planning to adhere to once Melinda seemed settled in?

10. Noah struggled with his feelings for Faith because he knew she hadn't really accepted the Amish way of life and didn't have a firm commitment to God. How can a relationship be torn apart when one person is a believer and the other isn't? Was Noah right in trying to become Faith's friend even though he knew he couldn't marry her unless she trusted in God?

11. Were there any passages of scripture from this book that spoke to your heart? If so, in what way might you use that scripture to deal with some situation in your own life?

12. What message or lesson from life did you learn by reading *Going Home*? Was there something in particular from this story that spoke to your heart or strengthened your relationship to God?



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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