

Wanda E. Brunstetter

Lose Your Heart in the Amish Life.

New York Times best-selling author.



Discussion Questions for *Kelly's Chance*

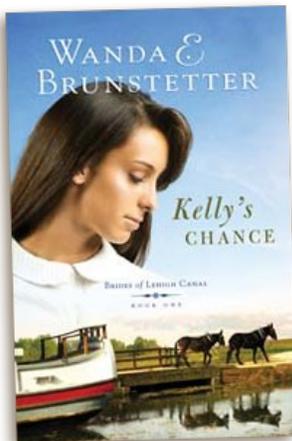
1. During the canal era many young men and women were forced to work for their parents with no pay, so they often married young in order to get away. What would you say to someone who wanted to get married just so they could leave home?
2. Kelly didn't like leading the mules that pulled her father's canal boat. She prayed that God would fulfill her dream of getting away from the canal and opening her own art gallery. Since that was her only goal, she shied away from love and romance. Have you ever had such determination to reach a goal that you didn't see other possibilities?
3. One of the reasons Kelly was against marriage was because her father was so harsh with her and her mother. What are some ways we can move past the things that happened to us during our childhood?
4. Most of the time Kelly preferred to be alone. Being around the people in town made her feel nervous and self-conscious. What are some ways a shy person might overcome their self-consciousness? How can we help someone who's shy and has no self-esteem?
5. As a new Christian, Kelly knew her negative attitude about certain things was wrong. The resentment Kelly harbored toward her father kept her from worshipping God as she should. Has there ever been a time in your life when you let resentments interfere with your walk with Lord? What steps can we take to work through our resentments?
6. Kelly was envious of Betsy Nelson, the preacher's daughter, who had fine clothes and good manners. Have you ever struggled with jealousy? What does God's Word tell us about being envious of others? How can we deal with jealousy?
7. Kelly's father had no appreciation for her artistic talent and often ridiculed her for the drawings she did. How can a child rise above ridicule from their parents? What are some ways we can encourage others to make use of their talents, despite any negative comments that have been made by their parents?

8. Mike wanted nothing more than to find a good woman and get married. When he met Kelly he felt that she was the woman he'd been waiting for. But Kelly seemed to be holding back, and Mike needed to find a way to get through to her. He wondered at times if he was being too pushy. After Kelly moved to the city, he felt sure he'd pushed her away. Have you ever been in a relationship where you felt you had pushed too hard? Perhaps it was the other person who'd done the pushing. What's the best way to deal with someone who doesn't seem ready for a close relationship? Is there ever a time when it's right to push ourselves on someone in order to make them our friend?

9. When Betsy Nelson let it be known that she was interested in Mike, he tried to be nice without leading her on. However, on more than one occasion, Betsy took Mike's politeness to mean that he had an interest in her. Would there have been a better way for Mike to have handled things with Betsy?

10. What specifically in this story gave you a better understanding of the people who lived during the canal era? How were the canalers different from those who lived in the towns along the Lehigh Canal?

11. What life's lessons did you learn by reading *Kelly's Chance*? Were there any particular scriptures that spoke to your heart?



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*.

For more information, visit www.WandaBrunstetter.com

© 2011 Wanda Brunstetter. All rights reserved.