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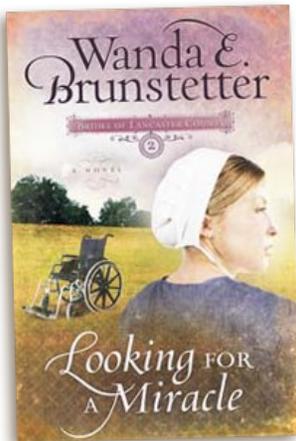
Lose Your Heart in the Amish Life.

New York Times best-selling author.

Discussion Questions for *Looking for a Miracle*

1. Struck by a heavy tree limb during a storm when she was a child, Rebekah Stoltzfus suffered with self-pity and low self-esteem after she became a young woman. Were Rebekah's feelings brought on because she felt different, or because she couldn't do many of the things others her age were able to do?
2. Rebekah had a need to be self-sufficient. Was it from a desire to feel useful, or because she didn't want to be a burden to her family? Would most people with a handicap such as Rebekah's, would feel that way?
3. How did Rebekah's need for God to give her a miracle affect her spiritually? What were some of the small miracles Rebekah may have missed because she was looking for a bigger one?
4. Sometimes we aren't able to see things as they really are. That was the case with Rebekah when it came to her relationship with Daniel. Why did Rebekah believe Daniel cared for Mary Ellen? Was it Rebekah's own insecurities or Daniel's shyness that caused their misunderstandings?
5. How did Daniel's enjoyment of flowers and his desire to run a greenhouse get in the way of his relationship with Rebekah? Was there something he could have said or done that would have prevented the misunderstanding between them?
6. Rebekah's sister, Nadine, was jealous of Rebekah and the attention she got from their parents. Was Nadine's jealousy justified? What did it take to make Nadine have a better understanding of her sister? Is jealousy ever justified? What should a person do in order to deal with the problem of envy?
7. Rebekah took her grandmother's death very hard. What was the one thing of her grandmother's that helped Rebekah the most? What are some ways people cope with the loss of a loved one?

8. Rebekah had convinced herself that she no man would want to court her, and that she would never marry or have children. What was the reason for this, and were her reasons legitimate?
9. Rebekah's Aunt Mim was like a mentor to her. What was their common bond, and how did Aunt Mim convince Rebekah to allow Daniel to court her? How can we use the wisdom and experience of a godly older person to help us find direction in our own lives?
10. In what ways was Rebekah's determination to be self-sufficient a good thing? In what ways was it a hindrance to her relationship with others?
11. Did Rebekah's story give you a better understanding for people with handicaps? What are some ways we can help those with disabilities feel independent and useful?
12. Did reading *Looking for a Miracle* help you emotionally or spiritually? 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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