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New York Times best-selling author.

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Recent & Upcoming Books by Wanda E. Brunstetter



*The Beloved
Christmas Quilt*
September 2017



The Blessing
August 2017



*The Farmers'
Market Mishap*
June 2017



The Seekers
February 2017



*The Hawaiian
Quilt*
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Wanda E. Brunstetter Biography

New York Times bestselling author Wanda E. Brunstetter's inspirational romance novels have captured the hearts of millions of readers, making her Amish Country's Most Beloved Storyteller. The author of nearly 90 books translated in four languages and with more than 10 million copies sold, Brunstetter's stories consistently earn spots on bestseller lists including *New York Times*, *Publishers Weekly*, *USA Today*, CBA, ECPA and CBD. All of Wanda's novels are based on personal research intended to accurately portray the Amish way of life.

Considered one of the founders of the Amish fiction genre, Brunstetter's fascination with the simple life began when she met her husband, Richard, who grew up in a Mennonite church with close ties to his family's Pennsylvania Dutch heritage. Meeting her new Mennonite sisters-in-law caused the author to yearn for the simpler life. Brunstetter's desire to explore the Amish culture increased when she discovered that her great-great grandparents were part of the Anabaptist faith. In their travels, she and her husband have become close friends with many Amish people across America, and many of her books are well-read and trusted by the Amish, who credit her for giving readers a deeper understanding of the people and their customs.

When asked what draws her to these people and their gentle ways, Brunstetter will tell readers her primary attraction to the Amish is their desire to live a devout Christian life that strives to honor God, work hard and focus on family. Whenever she visits her Amish friends, Brunstetter finds herself drawn to their peaceful lifestyle, sincerity and close family ties, which is in stark contrast to the chaos and busyness that plagues so many modern "Englishers." Time and time again, Brunstetter loses her heart in the Amish life, and she hopes her readers will, too.

When not writing, Brunstetter, who is also a professional puppeteer and ventriloquist, enjoys entertaining children and adults with Amish ventriloquist figures and indulging in photography, gardening, bird-watching and beachcombing. Most of all, she cherishes time spent visiting with her Amish friends, her husband, their two grown children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Wanda's Favorite Verse

Proverbs 17:22 — "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones."

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Accolades & Achievements

With millions of books in print, Wanda E. Brunstetter is a force to be reckoned with in both the inspirational and mainstream book markets. A large majority of her books have frequented the nation's top bestseller lists, and she has received several awards and recognitions during her highly successful writing career. Personally, Wanda feels that one of her greatest accomplishments is gaining the respect and trust of her large Amish readership, who have continually praised her for accurately portraying their simple way of life.

Awards:

- ❖ **2014 Single Titles Reviewers' Choice Award:** Wanda was awarded the 2014 Single Titles Reviewers' Choice Award for her book, *Woman of Courage*.
- ❖ **2013 Career Achievement Award:** Wanda won the *RT Book Reviews* Career Achievement Award for Inspirational novels. [View the announcement here.](#)
- ❖ **2013 Single Titles Reviewers' Choice Award:** Wanda was awarded the 2013 Single Titles Reviewers' Choice Award for her book, *The Tattered Quilt*.
- ❖ **2011 Author of the Year:** *Family Fiction* named Wanda the 2011 Author of the Year.
- ❖ **2011 Retailers Choice Award:** [*Lydia's Charm*](#) won the 2011 Retailers Choice Award in the Contemporary Romance category.
- ❖ **2006 Retailer's Choice Award:** [*The Storekeeper's Daughter*](#) received the 2006 Retailer's Choice Award for Women's Fiction.



Career Highlights:

- ❖ Has sold over 10 million copies during her extensive writing career
- ❖ Numerous titles have been featured on the nation's most prestigious bestsellers lists, including *New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Publishers Weekly*, and more
- ❖ Has been featured in national publications such as the *Wall Street Journal*, *Time Magazine*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Newsweek*, etc.



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Complete Book List for Wanda E. Brunstetter

Amish Series

The Amish Millionaire: 6-Part Serial

The English Son (Book 1—March 2016)
The Stubborn Father (Book 2—April 2016)
The Betrayed Fiancee (Book 3—May 2016)
The Missing Will (Book 4—June 2016)
The Divided Family (Book 5—July 2016)
The Selfless Act (Book 6—August 2016)

Prairie State Friends Series

The Decision (Book 1—March 2015)
The Gift (Book 2—August 2015)
The Restoration (Book 3—February 2016)

The Discovery—A Lancaster County Saga

Goodbye to Yesterday (Book 1)
The Silence of Winter (Book 2)
The Hope of Spring (Book 3)
The Pieces of Summer (Book 4)
A Revelation in Autumn (Book 5)
A Vow for Always (Book 6)
The Discover: A Lancaster County Saga
(All 6 in 1)

Daughters of Lancaster County

The Storekeeper's Daughter (Book 1)
The Quilter's Daughter (Book 2)
The Bishop's Daughter (Book 3)
The Daughters of Lancaster County
(All 3 in 1)

Brides of Lancaster County

A Merry Heart (Book 1)
Looking for a Miracle (Book 2)
Plain and Fancy (Book 3)
The Hope Chest (Book 4)
Brides of Lancaster County (All 4 in 1)

Brides of Webster County

Going Home (Book 1)
On Her Own (Book 2)
Dear to Me (Book 3)
Allison's Journey (Book 4)
The Brides of Webster County (All 4 in 1)

Sisters of Holmes County

A Sister's Secret (Book 1)
A Sister's Test (Book 2)
A Sister's Hope (Book 3)
Sisters of Holmes County (All 3 in 1)

Indiana Cousins

A Cousin's Promise (Book 1)
A Cousin's Prayer (Book 2)
A Cousin's Challenge (Book 3)
Indiana Cousins (All 3 in 1)

Kentucky Brothers

The Journey (Book 1)
The Healing (Book 2)
The Struggle (Book 3)
Kentucky Brothers (All 3 in 1)

The Amish Cooking Class

The Seekers (Book 1)
The Blessing (Book 2)

Historical Series

Brides of Lehigh Canal

Kelly's Chance (Book 1)
Betsy's Return (Book 2)
Sarah's Choice (Book 3)
Brides of Lehigh Canal (All 3 in 1)

Stand Alone Novels

Lydia's Charm
White Christmas Pie
Woman of Courage
The Lopsided Christmas Cake
The Farmers' Market Mishap (June 2017)
The Hawaiian Quilt
A Christmas Secret
The Beloved Christmas Quilt (Sept 2017)



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The Half-Stitched Amish Quilting Club Series

The Half-Stitched Amish Quilting Club
(Book 1)

The Tattered Quilt (Book 2)

The Healing Quilt (Book 3)

The Half-Stitched Amish Quilting Trilogy

Novella Collections

Love Finds a Home

Log Cabin Christmas

Love Finds a Way

Twice Loved

Westward Christmas Brides

A Time to Laugh

Sweet Surprise

Children's Books

Rachel Yoder – Always Trouble Somewhere

School's Out (Book 1)

Back to School (Book 2)

Out of Control (Book 3)

New Beginnings (Book 4)

A Happy Heart (Book 5)

Just Plain Foolishness (Book 6)

Jumping to Conclusions (Book 7)

Growing Up (Book 8)

Look Out, Lancaster County

Growing Up in Lancaster County

Solomon Lapp and Friends

The Wisdom of Solomon

Mark and Mattie Miller – Double Trouble

What a Pair! (Book 1)

Bumpy Ride Ahead (Book 2)

Bubble Troubles (Book 3)

Green Fever (Book 4)

Humble Pie (Book 5)

Nonfiction Books

Amish Friends Cookbooks

*Wanda E. Brunstetter's Amish Friends
Christmas Cookbook*

*Wanda E. Brunstetter's Amish Friends
Cookbook*

*Wanda E. Brunstetter's Amish Friends
Cookbook, Volume 2*

*Wanda E. Brunstetter's Amish Friends
Cookbook: Desserts*

*Wanda E. Brunstetter's Amish Friends
Harvest Cookbook* (August 2016)

Amish Quilts (September 2016)

Devotionals

The Simple Life

A Celebration of the Simple Life

Inspiring Thoughts from the Simple Life

The Simple Life perpetual calendar

The Portrait of Amish Life gift book

Ventriloquist Routines (available from author only)

Victorious Virtues (Book 1)

Under God's Sea

Victorious Virtues (Book 2)

Safety Dialogue Volume 1

Safety Dialogue Volume 2

Happy Health

Baby Fun



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Interview Questions & Answers

Q. What are some common themes throughout your books?

A. The themes vary depending on the book, but you'll generally find the common threads of characters strengthening their faith, acceptance, hope for the future, strong family ties, and practicing good Christian values.

Q. Some authors plot their books from beginning to end. Others have a general idea of where a story is headed when they begin a book, and, as they write, the book unfolds. What is your writing process?

A. In addition to the summary for my story, before I write the first draft of the book I usually do a chapter-by-chapter outline. However, quite often I don't stick strictly to the outline, as new ideas will come to me as the story unfolds.

Q. What would you like your readers to know about your journey as a writer?

A. I would like them to know that before I begin writing a book, I ask God to give me the words that would touch someone's life and help them see that God is with them, no matter how fearful or hopeless a situation might be.

Q. How does your faith play into your work?

A. My faith in God has been a huge part of my life since I was a teenager, so it's only natural that I have incorporated it into my writing. In addition to the scriptures I include in each of my stories, the characters I create deal with situations that help to strengthen their faith and make their relationships stronger. Having grown up in a dysfunctional home, I'm able to incorporate my faith and how God helps us through the challenges of life within the pages of my books.

Q. After more than sixty books—and eight million copies sold—can you imagine what you would have done if you hadn't chosen writing as a career?

A. No, I can't imagine that, because I've wanted to write since I was a young child. Being able to write fulfills me like no job I have ever had.



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Interviews & Press Releases

Recent Interviews

Brunstetter discusses her latest novel, The Seekers, with host Jim Berni.
WNPQ The Light 95.9 FM. March 24, 2017. [Click here](#) to listen.

Wanda & Jean Brunstetter participate in library speaking event and Q&A session.
Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN. September 16, 2016. [Click here](#) to watch.

Hawaiian Quilt Authors Plan Visit to Indiana.
Goshen News. Sheila Selman. August 29, 2016.

Brunstetter Chosen as Cover Feature of Family Fiction Magazine.
Family Fiction Magazine. June 2016 issue. [Click here](#) to view the issue.

Yakima author finds niche with chaste tales of Amish romance.
Yakima Herald-Republic. Tamy Ayer. February 23, 2016

Brunstetter writing team to debut 6-part serial novel.
The Bargain Hunter. February 24, 2016

Recent Press Releases

Wanda E. Brunstetter Reaches 10 Million in Sales

Unlikely Friendships are Formed in an Amish Cooking Class in Brunstetter's New Series

The Release of *The Hawaiian Quilt* Extends Summer for Readers

Brunstetter Writing Duo Launches Six-Part Serial Novel, THE AMISH MILLIONAIRE

Wanda E. Brunstetter Scores #1 Slot on Two Bestseller Lists for *The Restoration*

Wanda Brunstetter Illustrates Little Known Qualities of the Amish in Compelling Prairie State Friends Trilogy Finale, THE RESTORATION

Wanda Brunstetter's THE GIFT Offers Insight into Award-Winning Author's Creative Mind

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Recent Reviews



"Brunstetter maintains the warmth and love of her other fiction. The mix of well-drawn Amish and "English" protagonists adds a flavorful accent to the narrative. Readers will be hard pressed not to take this book to the dinner table after reading the mouth-watering recipes included."

—**Library Journal**, February 2017



"Fans of The Half-Stitched Amish Quilting Club series are likely to love Brunstetter's latest. In fact, some characters even overlap. The cooking students easily pull the reader in, and the yummy recipes may leave you racing to the kitchen after reading this book. There is such a cozy feel to the story, but it is not a fluff message. All of the characters are dealing with realistic struggles, and it is interesting to see how they come together to help each other."

—**Leslie L. McKee**, *RT Book Reviews*, February 2017



"This is a light and easy read, like a delicious pie, that will make for a delightful afternoon reading with well-formed characters and sympathetic situations to draw from. Fans of Brunstetter's previous works will eat this one up."

—**Amy Phelps**, *Parkersburg News and Sentinel*, February 2017



"This first book in 'Amish Cooking Class' series effectively blends simple storytelling and relevant plotlines dealing with real life issues. Topped with discussion questions and recipes, this charming inspirational Christian romance novel will leave readers savoring the next book."

—**Nancy Kanafani**, *Christian Market Magazine*, February 2017



"This wonderful Hawaiian jaunt is a fascinating journey of a young Amish girl and her path to selfdiscovery. A discussion guide is included at the end as well as a couple of recipes. Recommend to fans of Amy Clipston and Kim Vogel Sawyer."

—**Kelsey Perkins** *Christian Market*, September 2016

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Recent Reviews(cont.)



"If you are looking for a 5-star, well thought out read, then look no further than this beautifully captivating novel. Another two thumbs up to the queen of Amish fiction in my book! Well done!"

—**Readers' Favorite, October 2016**



"A beautiful romance with amazing characters who are delightfully pleasant to get to know."

—**Patsy Glans, RT Book Reviews, February 2016**



"The author's long-standing familiarity with Amish culture is quite evident in this charming story that makes the reader feel personally in tune with the traditions and lifestyle of the Amish. . . *The Restoration* is most highly recommended."

—**Jack Magnus, Readers' Favorite, November 2015**



"*The Restoration* has many twists and turns that kept me glued to the pages; each twist kept me wondering what might happen next. There were a few story lines going on within the story and Wanda E. Brunstetter blends them together perfectly, providing a wonderful story that certainly leaves this reader satisfied with the ending of The Prairie State Friends series. Fans of Amish fiction will devour *The Restoration*."

—**Susan Dyer FreshFiction.com 2016-02-09)**



"Lovers of all things Amish and fans of the Brunstetters will delight in this quick read and look forward to the next release in the series."

—**Library Journal, February 2016**

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Wanda E. Brunstetter Surpasses 10 Million in Sales



Uhrichsville, OH—Amish Country's most beloved storyteller, Wanda E. Brunstetter, has reached another historic milestone in her accomplished writing career. With the help of her bestselling February release, *The Seekers*, she has officially exceeded the 10 million mark in book sales.

Brunstetter has become a force to be reckoned with in both the inspirational and mainstream book markets. A large majority of her titles have frequented the nation's most prestigious bestseller lists and she has received many awards and recognitions over the years. Although she's grateful for her long list of achievements, Wanda personally feels that one of her greatest accomplishments is gaining the respect and trust of her large Amish readership, who have continually praised her for accurately portraying their simple way of life.

In addition to her gift for writing and strong work ethic, much of Brunstetter's success can be attributed to her deep connection and dedication to her readers. She interacts with her fans during numerous book signings and speaking engagements she attends nationwide, responds to messages and comments on social media, and personally replies to the hundreds of e-mails she receives from her fans each year. This great connection is one of the things that sets her apart from the competition and has created a strong loyalty among her readers.

Please join Barbour Publishing in recognizing this wonderful achievement by posting a note of congratulations on Wanda's Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/WandaBrunstetterFans.

To learn more about Wanda E. Brunstetter, visit her website: www.wandabrunstetter.com.

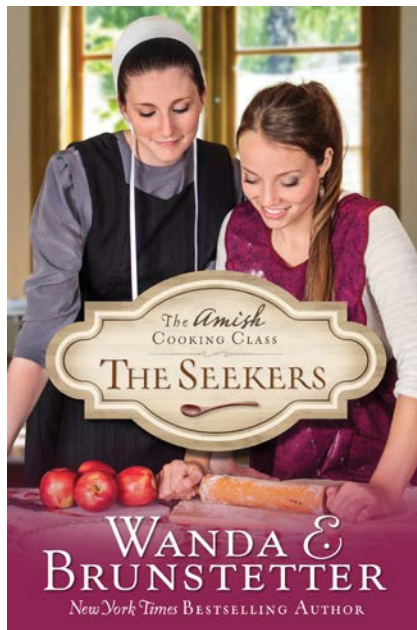
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Unlikely Friendships are Formed in an Amish Cooking Class

A New Series from *NY Times* Bestselling Author Wanda E. Brunstetter



Uhrichsville, OH—Amish Country’s most beloved storyteller, Wanda E. Brunstetter, will delight her large fan base this winter with the start of a brand-new series. Officially releasing on February 7 under Barbour Publishing’s Shiloh Run Press imprint, ***The Seekers*** will kick off the exciting new three-book series called *The Amish Cooking Class*. Inspired by Brunstetter’s bestselling *Half-Stitched Amish Quilting Club* book and musical, this series will follow the lives of unlikely men and women who meet in an Ohio Amish woman’s kitchen for cooking classes, but end up discovering life-changing lessons along the way.

Married for eight years with no children to help fill her days, Heidi Troyer cooks up the idea of teaching classes in the art of Amish cuisine in her Holmes County, Ohio, home.

But it is a recipe for drama when five very different men and women answer the advertisement.

Charlene Higgins is engaged, but to the despair of her fiancé’s family, she can’t cook. Kendra Perkins, a teen estranged from her family, is facing an unwanted pregnancy alone. Barbara Donnelly, widowed with two children, would like to simplify her life. Ron Hensley, a Vietnam Vet, parks his RV on the Troyer farm. And Eli Miller, an Amish widower, needs to learn how to cook for himself.

Class members share details of their disappointing lives, work to solve a mystery, and stir some romance into the pot. Suddenly cooking classes at Heidi’s house become life lessons . . . and their souls are healed one meal at a time.

Wanda E. Brunstetter is available for media interviews. For more information or to discuss coverage opportunities, please contact Shalyn Sattler at ssattler@barbourbooks.com or 740.922.6045 x 109. You may download a complimentary

copy of *The Seekers* on NetGalley using this link: <http://bit.ly/ACCSeekers> or request a print copy from Shalyn Sattler.

About the Author:

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Wanda enjoys photography, ventriloquism, gardening, bird-watching, beachcombing, and spending time with her family. She and her husband, Richard, have been blessed with two grown children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

To learn more about Wanda, visit her website at www.wandabrunstetter.com.

The Seekers by Wanda E. Brunstetter
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Eighth Book of Ten in 2016

**WANDA BRUNSTETTER'S *THE HAWAIIAN QUILT*
EXTENDS SUMMER FOR READERS
QUILT GIVEAWAY A BONUS**

Ulrichsville, OH—Just when readers are bidding reluctant farewell to summer, *New York Times* bestselling author Wanda E. Brunstetter and daughter-in-law Jean Brunstetter will treat them to a fictional vacation to the south Pacific in **THE HAWAIIAN QUILT**, a September Shiloh Run Press Amish novel.

In the Brunstetter team's latest standalone trade paperback novel, once again the authors reveal qualities of the Amish and their lifestyle that readers might not have known.

"After visiting the islands the first time, we quickly realized the Hawaiians and Amish share some of the same basic values," said Wanda, who has been called "Amish Country's Most Beloved Storyteller" for her dedication to accurately portraying the Plain People in her stories. "What the Hawaiians and Amish have in common are strong family values, the desire to live a simple life, hospitality, kindness and their passion for quilts.

"We also wanted to show that many Amish enjoy traveling," Wanda added. "Amish friends of ours had cruised to Hawaii and were valuable resources for our story."

In **THE HAWAIIAN QUILT**, 20-year-old Amish waitress Mandy Fey and her three girlfriends travel from Middlebury, Indiana, by train to California, and onward by cruise ship to the various Hawaiian Islands. Back home, Mandy's long-time boyfriend, Gideon, is not happy Mandy is going on the cruise. Every Amish couple planning to marry must first join the church. Because Mandy has been wavering about making that commitment, he cannot propose to her, and he senses her affections for him are waning.

As the four friends disembark on Maui, Oahu and Kauai, they pair up to visit different sights. While on Kauai, Mandy loses her cell phone. In her frantic search to find it, she and her friend, Ellen, miss the cruise ship's departure for the Big Island. Stranded and without their luggage or means to book another passage for the balance of their trip, they find temporary lodging at a bed and breakfast owned by a Christian Hawaiian couple.

When a medical disaster strikes the gracious couple, Mandy and Ellen stay for a few weeks to help run their bed and breakfast. There Mandy meets a kind young man who works on his parents' chicken farm. Their relationship grows and will ultimately test Mandy's devotion not only to Gideon back home but to the Amish church as well.

Wanda and Jean's inspiration for **THE HAWAIIAN QUILT** was Hebrews 13:2: "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

A collector of Amish quilts, Wanda and Jean discovered while in the Islands the similarity between Amish and Hawaiian quilts. Inspired by their find, they wrote into **THE HAWAIIAN QUILT** a key plot point about a beloved gift the bed and breakfast owners received when they married but lost some years ago.

"While we were on Maui, we purchased a quilt that is very similar to the blue-and-white one on the book cover," Wanda said. "The good people at Shiloh Run Press are giving away this treasure in a promotion for **THE HAWAIIAN QUILT**."

Early print copies of the book will contain entry postcards for the quilt contest. Also, as of the book's September 6 on-sale date, readers will be able to enter to win the quilt, valued at more than \$1,000, on www.AmishFictionBooks.com/Quilt. The winner's name will be drawn at random on November 15, 2016.

Wanda's published books number almost 80. **THE HAWAIIAN QUILT** is the eighth of ten books from Wanda in 2016, the seventh with her daughter-in-law. Earlier 2016 books have been **THE RESTORATION**, six entries in the writing team's "The Amish Millionaire" serial novel, and August's **WANDA E. BRUNSTETTER'S AMISH FRIENDS HARVEST COOKBOOK**. Also out in September is Wanda's **AMISH QUILTS: Giftable Inspiration with Quilting Tips**, with illustrations by her husband, Richard, a professional photographer. Wanda's historical novel, **THE CHRISTMAS SECRET**, will be published in October. All books are from Shiloh Run Press.

Wanda's close relationships with Amish across the country and her husband's Mennonite family are endless sources of research and inspiration for the stories she writes solo, as well as those with Jean. To date more than 9 million copies of Wanda's books have been sold.

Novels by the prolific author have appeared on such bestseller lists as the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Publishers Weekly*, CBA, ECPA and CBD. So far this year, two books in "The Amish Millionaire" serial novel have earned the #1 berth on *Publishers Weekly's* Religion Bestsellers List and one has topped the CBA's list. In 2013, *RT Book Reviews* named Wanda the recipient of the magazine's Career Achievement Award for Inspirational Fiction.

Wanda and her husband, as well as her co-author, Jean and her family reside in Yakima, Wash. Wanda and Richard spend many of their winters in Sarasota, Fla., which is also a popular vacation destination for the Amish.



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*Brunstetter Writing Duo
Launches Six-Part Serial Novel,
THE AMISH MILLIONAIRE*

Uhrichsville, OH—Plain-living, family-oriented, hard-working and worshipful of God are qualities most readers attribute to the Amish. But when *New York Times* bestselling author Wanda E. Brunstetter and daughter-in-law Jean Brunstetter set out to write the six-part serial novel, *The Amish Millionaire*, which launches with the March 2016 Shiloh Press title, *THE ENGLISH SON*, the writing duo set out to show their readers even more about the Plain People.

“Amish people become wealthy more often than most people realize,” said Wanda, who is often referred to as “Amish Country’s Most Beloved Storyteller” for her accurate portrayal of the Amish, their faith and culture. “But none of them act differently because of it, and they struggle with the same problems and issues that we English do.”

Struggles abound in *THE ENGLISH SON*, when after abandoning his Amish family for the material world, Joel Byler comes home, desperate for financial help to fix problems created by his lust for classic cars and foolish spending. He doesn’t even tell his fiancé, Kristi Palmer, about his outlandish purchase and ultimately dips into their joint savings account secretly to salvage his business when his millionaire father refuses to bail out his wayward son yet one more time.

After writing more than 60 books solo, Wanda teams up with Jean Brunstetter to deliver an engrossing story designed to have readers eager for installment two in the six-part serial novel, which unfolds in six successive months. Each book is a satisfying read but ends on a powerful hook leading to the next installment, until the series ending.

Wanda teamed up to write the serial novel with her daughter-in-law after the *New York Times* success of her six-part 2013 story, *The Discovery: A Lancaster County Saga*, which showed her how much her readers enjoy a change of pace, with novels in short installments.

Book two in *The Amish Millionaire* serial novel is April’s *THE STUBBORN FATHER*.

Did writing the serial novel pose challenges that differ from delivering a story told in one volume?

“Oh, yes,” Wanda provided. “Jean and I would write one book and turn it in to our editor and move on to the next one. But sometimes in the books that followed, our characters took us in a direction different from our original serial outline, and the change in course would impact the telling of the first book, which was already in the publication process. But we persevered, and we are both happy with the end result.”

What’s next for the Brunstetter writing team? “A second book about twins Elma and Thelma from our *THE LOPSIDED CHRISTMAS CAKE*,” Jean said, referring to the September 2015 novel by her and Wanda.

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**WANDA BRUNSTETTER SCORES
#1 SLOT ON TWO BESTSELLER LISTS
FOR *THE RESTORATION***

Uhrichsville, OH—Good news is coming in twos for author Wanda E. Brunstetter. “Amish Country’s Most Beloved Storyteller” has learned her February novel, *THE RESTORATION*, earned the #1 spot on both the February *Publishers Weekly* Religion Bestseller List and also the top berth on the March Evangelical Christian Publishers Association’s List.

What is making the conclusion of Brunstetter’s Prairie State Friends trilogy for Shiloh Run Press resonate with readers?

“*THE REVELATION*, along with the first two books in the series, *THE DECISION* and *THE GIFT*, have touched readers, not only with compelling stories of love lost and found but with two more elements that enrich Wanda’s stories,” said Mary A. Burns, Vice President, Marketing for Barbour Books. “Those two elements are the real-life challenges her characters have to face and Wanda’s skill at conveying how faith is the bed-rock that enables them to cope, make decisions and find fulfillment in their lives.”

In fact, when Brunstetter sat down to plot the trilogy, she remembered that one of her many Amish friends across the country once told her, “We aren’t saints. We make mistakes and have to face the consequences of these mistakes like other people, just as we have to face many of the same serious issues that impact their lives.

“Each of these three stories is dear to my heart,” Brunstetter said. “*THE DECISION* deals with the topic of dementia and how the heroine lovingly cares for her grandmother. Having lost my mother to this tragic disease, I was able to put myself in Elaine’s place and bring to light her deepest feelings of concern and love for the woman who had raised her.”

In *THE GIFT*, Brunstetter dealt with abandonment and the need to forgive. “Since I grew up in a dysfunctional home, I could relate to the hero’s pain concerning his mother’s actions toward him when he was a child, the prolific author said. “The series finale, *THE RESTORATION*, also incorporates the topic of forgiveness, as well as making wise choices. Both the heroine and hero are faced choices that will be life-changing. In order to make the right decisions, they needed to be able to forgive.”

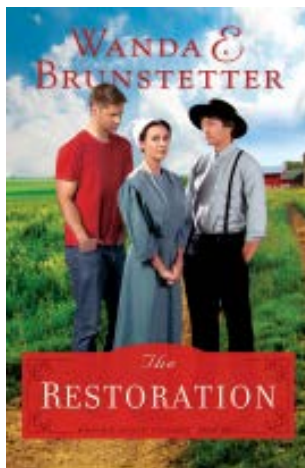
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All three books in the Prairie State Friends trilogy can be read as standalones, but they are tied together by the bond of three young women who had been close friends since they were girls. A continuation of their stories is woven throughout the three books.

"I would like to thank my readers for their support of this series," Brunstetter said. "When an author pours her heart into her stories, as I did these three, it is particularly rewarding."

Brunstetter's latest novel is March's *THE ENGLISH SON*, the launch book in her six-part serial novel she has co-written with her daughter-in-law Jean Brunstetter. The second story, *THE STUBBORN FATHER*, will be an April release.

The winner of *RT Book Reviews* magazine's 2013 Career Achievement Award for Inspirational Fiction, Brunstetter and her husband, Richard, reside in Yakima, Wash., and spend much of their winters in Sarasota, Fla.



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**WANDA BRUNSTETTER ILLUSTRATES
LITTLE KNOWN QUALITIES OF THE AMISH
IN COMPELLING PRAIRIE STATE FRIENDS TRILOGY FINALE
*THE RESTORATION***

Ulrichsville, OH—Despite their simple lifestyle and devotion to faith and family, the Amish aren't perfect and have just as many problems and emotional challenges as the English. This is the message that resonates in ***New York Times* bestselling author Wanda E. Brunstetter's upcoming novel, *The Restoration*. The February 1, 2016 trade paperback** for Shiloh Run Press is the conclusion to her compelling Prairie State Friends trilogy.

"In my books I always like to show readers something about the Amish that isn't widely known. One of my Amish friends once told me, 'We are not saints and don't want to be portrayed as such. We are human and are faced with the same problems as other people.' So when it came time to write ***The Restoration***, this is one fact I set out to weave into my story."

Many characters in ***The Restoration*** are facing the consequences of mistakes they've made. Cora Finley abandoned the Amish faith years ago, leaving her two young children to be raised by their father so she could pursue a career in nursing. Now that she's made her home in Arthur, IL, Cora desperately wants to forge a relationship with her now-grown son, Adam Beachy, and her three granddaughters that Adam is raising after the untimely deaths of his sister and her husband. As if the strained relationship between Adam and Cora isn't enough to deal with, she worries about her teenage son, Jared, by her second marriage. How can she tell him that he and Adam they are brothers?

Then there's Priscilla Herschberger, who is being courted by two men, Elam, her long-time Amish boyfriend, and David, an Englisher who's in town visiting his grandparents. David says he wants to become Amish, but is his decision one of faith, or has he been swayed by his affection for Priscilla? Eventually, Elam betrays his friendship with both Priscilla and David, and they make mistakes as well. Even Priscilla's mother makes an unwise decision in trying to protect her daughter.

Meanwhile, Jonah Miller, whose heart has been broken by three women, has given up on finding happiness and a mother for his two young children. He's afraid to admit, even to himself, that he still loves Priscilla's friend, Elaine Schrock. Having unwisely rejected Jonah in order to adequately care for her dying grandmother, Elaine has been proposed to by Ben. But she's not sure she can

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ever love Ben since she still has deep feelings for Jonah. Could Jonah ever forgive her for rejecting him?

The ability of the Amish to forgive transgressions is something Wanda purposefully set out to show in ***The Restoration***.

“Forgiveness doesn’t always come easily, even for the Amish, but their strong belief in God and his Word helps them to be able to forgive, even when it’s most difficult,” Wanda pointed out.

“In October 2006 several Amish children were killed by an English man, who overtook their schoolhouse with the intent of doing harm to the children,” Wanda continued “It was not easy for the families of these children to forgive the shooter, but they knew forgiveness is a prerequisite to healing. Some of them even went to the shooter’s funeral.”

Wanda’s ability to share her insight into the lifestyle of the Amish is one reason she has been called “Amish Country’s Most Beloved Storyteller.” She gained this insight through her close friendships with Amish families across the country, whom she often visits with her husband, Richard, whose family is Mennonite.

Wanda’s published books number almost 70. ***The Restoration***, which can also be read as a standalone novel, winds up the trilogy that includes two bestselling 2015 titles, ***The Decision*** and ***The Gift***.

Brunstetter’s novels have appeared on such bestseller lists as the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Publishers Weekly*, CBA, ECPA and CBD. The winner of *RT Book Reviews* magazine’s 2013 Career Achievement Award for Inspirational Fiction, she and her husband reside in Yakima, Wash., and spend much of their winters in Sarasota, Fla.



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Amish Country's Most Beloved Storyteller

WANDA BRUNSTETTER'S THE GIFT OFFERS INSIGHT INTO AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR'S CREATIVE MIND

Uhrichsville, OH—When a gifted author stirs the pot of her mind, the results can be truly inspirational.

For years the seemingly unrelated topics of reflexology, hummingbirds and the trauma of childhood abandonment lingered in the creative mind of *New York Times* bestselling author **Wanda E. Brunstetter**. Then, when she sat down to write **THE GIFT**, her August novel for Shiloh Run Press, the acknowledged expert on Amish culture blended the three topics into a seamless and heartbreaking story about the healing power of forgiveness.

“I have an Amish friend in Indiana, Irene Miller, who practices reflexology in her home—just as Leah Mast does in **THE GIFT**,” Brunstetter said about the woman to whom she dedicated this second entry in her Prairie State Friends trilogy. “I have always been fascinated with how Irene utilizes her gift to help others. When I decided to include reflexology in my storyline, she sat down with me and answered all my questions about her practice.”

Having her lead female character give reflexology treatments to the Amish in Arthur, Illinois, enabled Brunstetter to show that, while the Amish will go to doctors, they prefer to treat most common ailments with natural measures.

“It also provided a way to put Leah in conflict with Adam Beachy, the owner of the local hardware store, who insists reflexology is hocus pocus,” Brunstetter explained.

When tragedy strikes, and the emotionally distant Adam finds himself parenting his sister's three orphaned children, Leah, who is good with children, offers to care for the girls while he works. Eventually, Adam decides he and his heartbroken nieces will be better off if he marries Leah, but he insists it is to be a business relationship only. Leah eventually learns that Adam has never overcome being abandoned as a young child by his mother, who practiced reflexology.

But with Leah's love and gift for friendship, slowly Adam and his emotionally fragile nieces begin to heal and become a real family. It is when the oldest girl, Amy, is introduced to the feeding and banding of hummingbirds, that the 10-year-old rediscovers the joy in life.

"Another friend, in Pennsylvania, lives in the hummingbirds' migratory path—they come there by the hundreds," Brunstetter said, "and she shared with me her experiences with these lovely creatures."

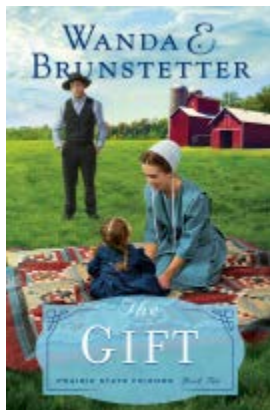
While Leah and Adam find one another, their friends, Jonah and Elaine, who have suffered through tragedies in the first two books of the series, must wait until Book 3 for their happy ending. That book, *THE REVELATION*, will be published in February 2016.

Brunstetter's published books number almost 70. She became fascinated with the Amish way of life when she first visited her husband Richard's Mennonite relatives. The Brunstetters have Amish friends in several states and enjoy visiting them throughout the year.

Brunstetter's novels have appeared on such bestseller lists as the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Publishers Weekly*, CBA, ECPA and CBD. The winner of *RT Book Reviews* magazine's 2013 Career Achievement Award for Inspirational Fiction, she and her husband reside in Yakima, Wash., and spend much of their winter in Sarasota, Florida. **She will sign *THE GIFT* August 7-8 during her Fan-filled Weekend at the Carlisle Inn in Sugarcreek, Ohio, and at the Dover (Ohio) Public Library, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11.**

For more information about the author's Fan-filled Weekend and her complete schedule of appearances, visit www.WandaBrunstetter.com or her Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/WandaBrunstetterFans>

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