

Secrets of the Amish Diary

When Liz Eckardt leaves behind her hectic life as a Boston lawyer to become an innkeeper in charming Pleasant Creek, Indiana, she hopes to find solace - and answers - as she mourns the loss of her mother, Abigail. Along with her mother's diary and an antique heirloom quilt, Liz inherited a family secret: Abigail cut ties with her Amish family years ago - a family Liz never knew existed - and Liz yearns to unravel the mystery of her mother's past.

Liz settles into her new life at the Olde Mansion Inn with the help of the town's quirky quilting group, the Material Girls, and several members of the Amish community. She bonds instantly with her new Amish friend, Miriam Borkholder, and enjoys the success of her burgeoning bed and breakfast.

That is, until one of her guests, the unpopular Clarence Peabody, is found dead in the lake behind her inn . . . and Miriam's son is the prime suspect!

Convinced of the Amish boy's innocence, Liz begins to piece together the evidence, learning quickly that the killer will stop at nothing to hide the truth. When Liz receives a cryptic letter written in the local Amish dialect, the message is clear: Stay out of this . . . or else. Who sent the letter? And is Clarence's murder somehow tied to her family's secret past?

Join Liz and her lively team of crafty investigators as they stitch together clues and uncover the cause of the unusual events happening in Pleasant Creek. Will they discover the truth about Liz's family before someone else is silenced?

Plain Deception

Liz Eckardt is more grateful than ever that the discovery of her mother's secret Amish history brought her to the idyllic town of Pleasant Creek, Indiana. Her work at the Olde Mansion Inn gives her a deep sense of fulfillment. She has been welcomed and embraced by her newfound family, and she's constantly kept in stitches thanks to her new friends in the local quilting group, The Material Girls. The hustle and bustle of the inn's opening has finally settled down, and Liz is able to enjoy the so-called "simple life" at last.

That is until Beans, her notoriously lazy bulldog, pulls her into a new mystery when he uncovers a freshly buried stash on the inn's property -- an old love letter, a Civil War era photograph ... and human bones!

Liz is determined to get to the bottom of the macabre find, but exactly how deep will she have to dig to learn the truth?

She enlists the help of a local historian but quickly learns that history's mysteries aren't so easily solved. It seems that Emma, the young woman in the old photograph, had a hidden life of her own -- secrets that someone, all these years later, clearly wants to keep buried. Whatever happened to young Emma? And who is trying to keep Liz from digging up the past?

With the helping hands of the Material Girls and Pleasant Creek's handsome mayor Jackson Cross, Liz slowly unearths the clues that will lead her to the heart of the matter, and to a local family's secret that has been buried deep for over a century.

A Love Unexpected

Faith, family, and fellowship -- it's the Amish way. But ever since Grossmammi Miriam passed nearly two years ago, Sarah Beth's heart aches to feel whole again. She knows prayers cannot bring her grandmother back ... or her parents who were killed in a farming accident twelve years ago. It is the longing to have her youngest sisters rejoin Sarah Beth and their other siblings, Cora and Toby, in Hickory Meadows that pushes her to work so hard at selling her vegetables and handicrafts day after day.

All she needs to do is finish the shop next to the house and cater to the busloads of tourists who crisscross Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, throughout the summer. Then she will have enough money to bring the girls home. Nothing is going to keep Sarah Beth from getting her family back together.

That is, until Elias Stutzman, the attractive new buggy maker, moves in across the covered bridge.

It seems that Elias has brought more than his hand tools to Hickory Meadows. Since he arrived, the random acts of vandalism around Sarah Beth's farm are becoming more regular. She knows Elias is harboring a heavy secret -- she can see it hiding behind his handsome blue eyes.

Will Sarah Beth be able to put her growing curiosity about Elias' past aside so she can stay focused on bringing the twins home? Or will the handsome newcomer's arrival cause Sarah Beth to jeopardize her future and ruin her chances of reuniting her family?

One Simple Wish

When her maiden aunts give Eva an early Christmas present -- a small wooden box meant to be filled with the desire of her heart -- she finds herself praying for a stranger, a traveler who God will guide into a life of honor and faithfulness and honesty. *I wish for this honorable man to be mine*, she writes on a piece of paper and tucks it away in her prayer box.

A short time later a traveler shows up, hoping to rent a room over her aunt's bakery shop where Eva works, and she senses he is the man God led her to pray for. But because he has left his Amish community and embraced the ways of the Englisch, she knows he can never be hers. And yet . . .

Along with the very qualities Eva prayed for, Jacob Whittmer has come to town with dangerous secrets going back six years. As his past begins to come to light, he is no longer welcomed by the Amish community in Blossom Creek and must once again face a life on the run.

As disturbing events unfold, Eva makes difficult decisions that will affect her own future. Was she wrong about the desires of her heart? Will her prayers ever be answered? Or will she be forced to endure being shunned by the Amish community and the family she holds so dear?