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If home is where the heart is, where do you go when your heart is torn in two?

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The English world has its allures, but none proves more powerful than the developing bonds of love between Charity and her Aunt Hope, threatening Charity's blossoming romance with Daniel, and compelling both women to decide which place to call home.

From the author of bestselling novel 'Merry's Christmas: a love story' comes this pure, redeeming romance. Have you ever had to choose between those you love? How do you come to terms with your faith when loved ones differ in ways that tear them apart? Will she be able to continue shunning her Aunt Hope or risk being shunned herself? That is the road Charity travels in this heartrending coming of age adventure across the Advent season, leading up to Christmas.

Will Charity make peace with a choice that could jeopardize all she holds dear, including her heart's desire of becoming an Amish bride? Will she return home for Christmas or will she embark upon an entirely new life?

'Redeeming Romance' is an anthology series, a variety of clean, inspirational novels adapted from Susan Rohrer's original movie scripts.

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Lorraine says

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I have stayed away from Amish books for a while as I found that many of the stories I was reading seemed very formulaic. Bright Christmas truly brought back my enjoyment of Amish fiction. Charity's quandry and confusion between what she knows of the Old Order Amish faith of her family and what she feels should be true faith and forgiveness was well written and described aptly the conundrum each person of faith has to address as they grow to adulthood and develop their own faith beliefs. The characters were insightful and the story line kept your attention from start to finish. I look forward to reading more of this author's writing.

Alicia Willis says

3.5 Stars.

I enjoyed this story. It was a quick read with a satisfying outcome and good pacing. The overall story was enjoyable. The only reason I did not give it a higher review was it was very similar to other stories, both in plot and style. Recommended for a good Christmas read.

Donita Corman says

Great book about acceptance and loving one another. I enjoyed this book

Janet C says

a nice Christmas Story

Charity Bright is on the cusp of change. Charity intercepts a Christmas card and finds out she has an aunt she never knew she had. Aunt HOPE left the Old Order Amish and was shunned and is living in New York CIty . She talks her dad into being allowed to go to NYC And see her Aunt . Since Charity had never experienced rumspringa , her dad agrees only if she takes Daniel a beau. Good story of hope, love and faith. The story

moves slowly. The story does examine some of restrictions in old Order Amish and the conflict it creates in families that have shunned members. A nice Christmas story.

Wilani Wahl says

Loved this story. it was refreshing not to read a typical Amish story. This story revealed the struggles of young people not just Amish as they strive to figure out what they believe. I loved the way they still showed respect and love for their elders. It also helps to illustrate how the Amish celebrate Christmas. I did not want this story to end.

Gail says

Love shines through in Bright Christmas by Susan Rohrer. This story takes place near Christmas. An Amish Girl and her friend are given permission to travel to New York City and visit her aunt she doesn't know. Possibly to bring her home.

Janis Johns says

Delightful story with a message of hope and love that is found through faith. Great read for Christmas or anytime. Uplifting!

Joleen says

My 8th Christmas book of the season is an Amish book. I've been avoiding them because so many of them are too alike. Bright Christmas was a pleasant surprise. Easy to read, nothing earth shattering, but it was very interesting and I enjoyed it.

I've read other books where an Amish girl in her rumspringa visits an estranged relative who has become an Englischer. They either wrestle with what they are exposed to, or they just visit and go home...but go home they all do.

In Bright Christmas Charity accidentally finds out she has an aunt and is so curious about her that she feels she must visit with her. With the intent of trying to bring her aunt back into the fold by Christmas, her father sends her to New York with Daniel, her father's choice in a husband for her. His role was to help her with her task, protect her, and see that she comes home.

Of course things are foreign to them both, but they don't go all crazy. They stay Amish, but help her aunt in the Englischer world. They experience things that are in some ways life changing, but they maintain their roots.

Good book. Easy to read and I'd recommend this to anyone who likes Amish books.

Heather says

I learned so much reading this story about the Amish community. I never really knew or understood much about the Amish people, so this book was very educational for me. I really enjoyed learning about them and their traditions and way of life. It was so interesting to read about Charity's venture into NYC. Personally, I prefer small town life so I think I would feel like a fish out of water in NYC; I can only imagine how much more so this would be for a young Amish girl. Seeing NYC through Charity's eyes was fun reading. The characters in this story are so lovable and made me really want to keep reading after it ended and find out more about their lives after the story. Charity's bond with her aunt is heart warming to read, her blossoming romance with Daniel is sweet, and the side story of Leanne was wonderful! I wish more authors would write clean and interesting stories like this.

Julie Morales says

FAMILY, NO MATTER WHAT

Charity grows up pretty much without a mother, who died during childbirth when her twin brothers were born. She takes care of her father, grandfather and brothers, but secretly, she thinks of Daniel. She has priorities, though, and taking care of her family is at the top...until she finds out she has an aunt she never knew about.

Hope left the Amish community when her best friend and sister-in-law died during childbirth, but she still longs for home and the family she left behind. When Charity shows up on Hope's doorstep with Daniel as an escort, Hope must decide between Ivan, an immigrant to America, and the family she left behind, and Charity must choose between the husband she longed for and the aunt she never knew she had...or does she have to choose? Can she have both?

I love stories like this. The idea of shunning totally flabbergasts me and I couldn't imagine having to make that choice, but the struggle is real and brought to life in stories like this. I loved it.

Kay M says

It was a pretty good story and kept my interest. I don't read many Amish books, but this one seemed to be a bit different, as it mostly takes place in New York City.

Sheryl says

Charity finds out she has an aunt who has been shunned. She is allowed to go visit her and try to get her to come home. This story tells of her growing feelings for Daniel and her struggle with her faith. Her aunt is Christian but goes to a more modern style church with modern music. In the end Charity returns home with Daniel with hope that some restrictions in their order will allow her to visit her aunt whom she has come to love. Very well written. Depicts the struggles that Charity has realistically. A side story of a pregnant runaway teen is also good. Details her struggle with what she has done and no supportive boyfriend, feels shame and has not told her parents. Trying to decide to give baby up for adoption. Great book.

Margaret Boehm says

I was to leery to read another Amish novel; there is only so many life situations you can write about before it gets boring. But this novel had a new twist and I enjoyed reading it.

Cheryl McKay says

From the gentle glow of Amish Country to the neon lights of New York City, Charity shines in this timeless journey of faith, hope, and love.
