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A Secret Encounter (Amish Secrets #2)



Synopsis

Since being shunned in his late teens, the past few years have been especially difficult for Joseph Bender. Life on the streets has proved to be a stark contrast to even the simple comforts of an Amish community. He's convinced he's finished with the Amish and God, until he meets kindhearted Anna Smucker. Will Joe be able to overcome the trials set before him to find a new life of love? Can a secret encounter change his life forever? Inspirational Christian Fiction, Approx. 225 pages
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Customer Reviews

Since I just finished reading "A Secret Encounter" this is the best time to hit me up for a review. I gave 4 stars, but realistically I think it should be 3 and a half. While the story line was a good one and I like the Amish genre, I felt the narrative was a bit simplistic. The title suggests something with

more intrigue and depth, the female main character was only doing a good deed by feeding two homeless men and hiding the fact from her Mammi, or grandmother. No deep dark secret there. Another irritation was that when Joe the homeless man was accused of being a thief, she refused continually to allow him to explain. I think this could have been a really good book if the author had taken more space to enlarge upon events and develop her characters. It sort of seemed like she was skimming over the top. Nevertheless, I can't say I would not recommend this book, though I will say more effort put into it would have improved a great deal.

I like J.E.B. Spredemann books. You always get a complete book with interesting characters. There were two things (for me) that kept this at 4 stars.(1) Too many characters crying or tearing. It seemed in every scene someone would do one or the other if not both. After awhile it meant nothing.BUT OF A SPOILER IN (2)....(2) The protagonist male even thinking about marriage when he had no permanent job, no home and two steps from living in an alley--again.

I have been reading all the books I can find by this author. They are very touching and encouraging to me a sinner saved by grace. They have helped me to understand what grace really means. It has been so hard for me to accept that even though I fell in sin His love for me me never gave up on me. These books have left me in tears of gratitude for a loving Saviour and Heavenly Father.

I liked the story but there were a few holes, particularly in the end. I felt like there were some unanswered questions and a few story lines that were a little far fetched. Overall, however, it was a fun read. I will read more books by this author!

I loved this book! Captured my interest right away. I loved Joe, Anna, Linda and Harvey the main characters. I felt sorry for Aaron, he tried in all the wrong ways to win Anna. I loved Anna's big heart in helping those less fortunate even though she and her grandmother were struggling. Wonderful, wonderful book!!!

I enjoy reading books about the Amish. This one was different in that it explained things not usually delved into in an Amish story. The characters are believable and fun. The story is sweet and tender as are most Amish stories but loved that this one had a bad guy.

I loved this book. It was sooo. human. To err is human...to forgive divine. I loved Joseph from the

moment he was introduced. I related to Anna, her humanity... Her fears. Her reluctance to have faith. I knew early on Jacob was not who he pretended to be. Man... I loved this book.

Wow. I loved this story! I was drawn into the story on the first pages and finished it the same day. Actually, I almost rejected this book because I've come to realize, in shock, after learning about some statistics, that so many Christian authors romanticize the Amish life with no thought to the high rate of sexual abuse in it (due to a male dominated society and isolated women). I was never going to read another romanticized Amish story again, but the ratings were so high, I gave it a chance. This story not only had my interest captured from the beginning, but it includes truth and lots of grace besides. I loved the compassion. This author goes on my favorite list!

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