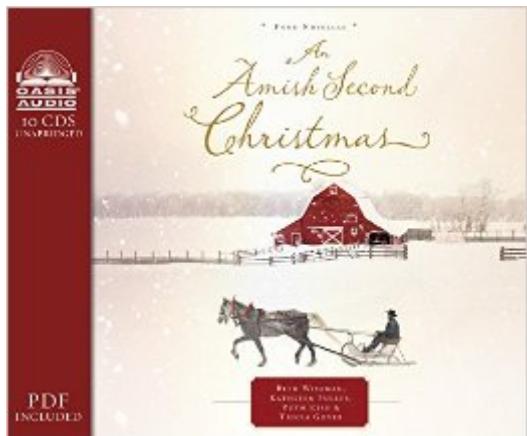


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# An Amish Second Christmas



## Synopsis

Second Christmas is a time of family, fun, and tradition in Amish communities. Come celebrate this special time with four heartwarming Amish romances. *When Christmas Comes Again*, by Beth Wiseman: Katherine knows the first Christmas without Elias will be hard for her and the children. But when a mysterious Englischer appears with photographs of her late husband, Katherine begins to wonder what other blessings Christmas could have in store. *A Gift for Anne Marie*, by Kathleen Fuller: Anne Marie and Nathaniel have been best friends since they were kids. Now things are evolving . . . in ways everyone else predicted long ago. But when her mother suddenly decides to remarry in another state, Anne Marie's new chapter with Nathaniel looks doomed to end before it begins. *Her Christmas Pen Pal*, by Ruth Reid: Joy was expecting a wedding proposal from Henry — what she got instead was news of another woman. But when her heartfelt letter to a cousin ends up in the hands of a young cabinetmaker, an unexpected correspondence between two strangers gets interesting fast. *The Christmas Aprons*, by Tricia Goyer: Vanilla crumb pie has been Esther's mem's calling card for decades. But when Esther finally gets her hands on the secret recipe, she discovers that vanilla crumb pie is more than just dessert . . . it's bachelor bait.

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## Customer Reviews

“An Amish Second Christmas” is a compilation of four novellas by authors known for their Amish fiction. Each of the novellas stands alone with different settings and characters. The common thread is that each one highlights a way the Amish of that community celebrates the day after Christmas which they call “Second Christmas.” “When Christmas Comes Again” by Beth

Wiseman is somewhat different than the usual Amish novel. The story is a bit mysterious with a bit of humor and a touch of romance. It is also a touching example of family reconciliation and healing that might just bring the reader to tears. "Her Christmas Pen Pal" by Ruth Reid is also a bit unexpected. A story that begins with an expected engagement gone wrong, a misdirected package and letter, and a correspondence that develops as a result, this novella is thoroughly delightful and entertaining in its entirety. "A Gift for Anne Marie" by Kathleen Fuller tells the story of lifelong best friends Anne Marie and Nathaniel who are soon to be separated when Anne Marie's widowed mother remarries and moves the family to another state. Anne Marie cannot imagine her life without Nathaniel and both of them realize possibly too late that their friendship has developed into much more. "The Christmas Aprons" by Tricia Goyer is another story set in Kootenai, a place Goyer's readers have come to love. Esther is a shy young woman who has always lived in the shadow of her more outgoing twin and has developed a pretty good case of low self esteem as a result. When her mother finally shares her famous pie recipe for Esther to bake for an auction, the young man who buys her pie discovers just how special Esther is. All four novellas are quickly read and each is special in its own way.

"An Amish Second Christmas" by Beth Wiseman, Ruth Reid, Kathleen Fuller and Tricia Goyer is four short novellas centered around the Amish Second Christmas and love. Maybe not all have that romantic love, but love none the less for the family, friends and more. Each story stirs the emotions in a different way while reminding the reader that somethings are better when we let go of what we think we want and let God in control. I would have to say that this is a must read Amish Christmas book that is for sure. Enjoy the book as much as I did. "When Christmas Comes Again" by Beth Wiseman Oh here is a short story of about 90 pages that is not really a romance but a story with a message of ministering to strangers. Things are interesting during this time for the Zook family who is experiencing their first Christmas without Elias, husband and father. Then there is an 'Englischer' who appears with some interesting stories that is for sure. There is a lot of healing that takes place over the course of this story and at times there is some humor. Actually there was quite a bit of humor, or at least I thought so, even if it was a bit embarrassing. There was one scene that involves with sitting on a hat (and that is all I am going to say about that) that I found so funny I couldn't help but laugh out loud. Part of that is all that happened but also because it was the perfect scene that show that sometimes the Amish teens deal with the same thing as non-Amish teens do. As the story progresses, which is pretty quickly, the truth is revealed and understanding along with acceptance is accomplished. Truly this is a story that could have gone in so many different

directions, and some not in the best of ways either.

There is something about fall and the onset of cooler weather that makes me want to curl up with a blanket and a book. An Amish Second Christmas is the perfect book for doing just that. It consists of four novellas by some of the best Amish Fiction authors. Beth Wiseman, Ruth Reid, Kathleen Fuller and Tricia Goyer are all featured. Each story is centered around the Amish celebrated Second Christmas. Second Christmas is the day after Christmas and it is a continuous celebration of Christmas that is spent with family and friends. This is a great book and I thoroughly enjoyed all four stories. They were heartwarming and well written. My favorite was When Christmas Comes Again by Beth Wiseman. It was different and not as predictable as a lot of fiction novels I have read. My second favorite was Her Christmas Pen Pal. I would have loved for this one to be longer! More about the novellas: When Christmas Comes Again by Beth Wiseman - Christmas is just around the corner and Katherine knows that it will be hard for her and her children. This will be their first Christmas without Elias their beloved husband/father. To add to the stress, a mysterious Englischer is following Katherine. He presents her with photographs of her late husband and her whole family. When she learns who this mystery man is she is in for a surprise and he blesses their family in ways unimaginable. Her Christmas Pen Pal by Ruth Reid - Ever since her parents died Joy has engulfed herself into the family business, a bakery that her parents started. Joy is expecting a proposal from Henry, but instead she finds him courting another woman. She writes a letter to her cousin that ends up in the wrong hands.

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