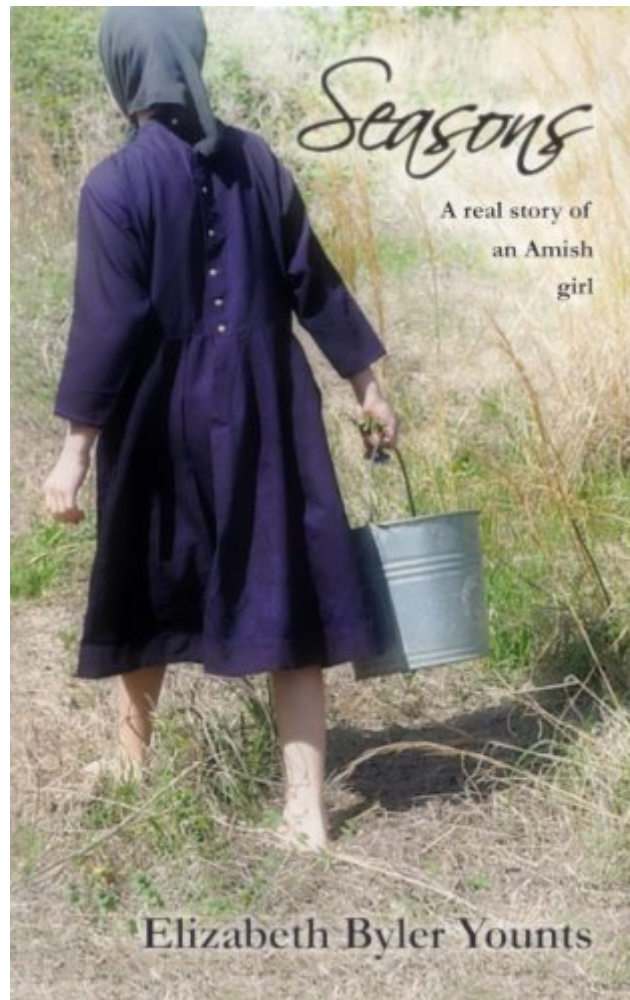




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As the oldest child in an impoverished Amish family, Lydia Lee knows little more of life beyond hard work, sacrifice and extreme hunger. Yet, even as a young girl she strives to be content with all God has provided. Against the backdrop of the Great Depression, Lydia's childhood unfolds as her family struggles to survive, finding strength from their Amish faith. But, when tragedy strikes, that very faith is tested beyond what any child should have to endure. When all hope seems lost, Lydia is reminded that all things have seasons. The spring of her life has been spent planting prayers in the soil of sadness and heartache. Will she see a summer of true love? Will there be a harvest of happiness?

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Customer Reviews

Every life has its seasons of sorrow and joy, yet during the depression years, many American families experienced more sorrow, hunger and hardship, than joy. According to this true account of life during those years among the Amish, these frugal people suffered alongside their English neighbors every bit as much. In this book, we follow Lydia Lee Coblentz through the Spring and

Summer Seasons of her life. We feel what she experiences giving us a true to life understanding of what growing up Amish was like in those hard years through the Second World War era. These tales reminded me of my own parent's childhood memories, thus this story rings with authenticity. Historically and ethnically accurate, the writer, Elizabeth Byler Younts, provides the reader with a clear picture of the times and the people. This story of faith in the midst of adversity, touches the heart and instills gratitude for the many blessings most of us take for granted. From chuckles to tears, this book leaves its imprint on the readers heart. I heartily recommend this book for readers of all ages, but especially for young adults and teens.

There is no easy life when you take the road of the Amish ways. The main character was born in 1926, so you take the time period into consideration and their way of life and what you get is a life of hardships that few of us will ever encounter. This story touched me deeply as I read about the hardships endured and overcome in her life. The writing is excellent. Point of view shifts were clearly defined. It held my attention allowing me to, on occasion, laugh and, shortly thereafter, have my eyes fill with tears. I liked how even when things are at their worst, something good could be found. What I was disappointed about was the gaps in between time periods; the lack of transition was a minor distraction to me. But I would like to know what happened in between. With this being a true story I did enjoy how the author respected the persons in the book - through the good and the bad. Well done.

Perhaps the most unbelievable thing about this book is that it was written by a first-time novelist. The author breathes such full-bodied life into these characters and these settings that readers will feel, though it seems impossible, both like one of them and astonished at how alien elements of their culture can be simultaneously. Readers will empathize with their hardships, dread that their fears will come true, but also hold to these characters' hopes as well as their own as "outsiders" that all will turn out well even while knowing it likely that, as with any true story, the ending will inevitably comprise a mix of triumph and loss, joy and sorrow. The author demonstrates the discipline of a far more seasoned artist in her writing, telling the tale simply in a straightforward, yet elegant, style that perfectly fits the setting, subject, and characters. Occasionally, however, the author allows herself to stretch her wings, lifting off from the serene but compelling style that drives the majority of the book to take flight with brief, expertly-crafted passages. Far from being a disconnect from the tone of the work, however, these occasional passages serve to connect the reader even more fully with the characters. Having already been immersed in this intriguing but (to many of us) alien culture,

readers will feel connected TO the characters; these passages, however, let us see that, despite their differing beliefs and upbringing, these characters are thoroughly human, making them feel connected to US.

I have had this book on my Kindle for quite some time because I thought it sounded like one I would enjoy. The problem is I have a LOT of books, paperback and e-book, that I 'really' want to read, it's like sometimes I think I should close my eyes and pick out a book that way. I do wish I'd read this a lot sooner as it is a wonderful story that will pull at your heartstrings and find yourself wanting to help this family even though it happened a long time ago. Lydia is such a strong little girl with unlimited faith. She goes through so much pain but always seems to have a smile and a big heart. Even when she is hurting you would not know it by looking at her or talking to her. This is the first book of Elizabeth's that I've read, and I really liked her writing style. I will definitely be reading some more of her books and I would highly recommend this book as a great read! Thank you Elizabeth for sharing this story.

I love reading the Amish books and this is no exception. The author is telling the story of her grandmother and does an excellent job of showing the reader the family. The Amish family is impoverished to say the least and having eleven children does not help the situation a bit...they all have to be fed and clothed. The story will make you very sad in places and happy in others. Liddy is the oldest and a daughter who seems to have the brunt of the work and worry next to her parents. Her Mother dies and leaves her more work and worry...thank goodness for the stepmother who comes along to comfort the father and help with all those children. At times I was exhausted from the work Liddy had to do...I was cold from the winter days and hungry from no food and her doing without so the others could have a wee bit of food. This is a good simple read and I recommend it to all who like to read about the Amish. I am in admiration of the author who wrote her grandmother's story. My book was downloaded onto Kindle from . You can get your copy there and start reading today.

What an amazing story of love and resilience. Such poverty ! Such a beautiful, kind, loving heart Lydia has. True Christian kindness to all. Such strength and loving she manifested to her family, selflessness.

I loved this book. Could not put it down. Kept falling asleep with my glasses on and kindle in my

hands. It went from tearing my heart out to filling my heart with joy. All will enjoy this great read and be blessed.

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